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To Committee of Council

Re: Residential Rental Licensing Pilot Program

I delegated previously to Committee of Council and I participated in the online Town Hall meeting. It is my view, having lived in my community for over 30 plus years that this licensing pilot is absolutely necessary.

Within the last several years we have faced significant challenges with respect to single family dwellings being used as illegal rooming houses. Garbage, exterior conditions, transient tenants and absentee slum landlords are just a few of the issues.

In my opinion, the program only touches the surface of what needs to be done to ensure the integrity of long-established communities. Not only this, but I consider the safety of those vulnerable people placed in jeopardy as paramount.

The fact that so many requirements have been eliminated is troubling; floor plans being absolutely necessary, as is gas inspection. Parking and storage plans should be considered in the future once again.

I trust that Council will do the right thing and get this show on the road, once and for all.

Regards,

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