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Good morning:

We live on Hillside Drive and have been following the on-going drama concerning the type of housing allowed in the area. I believe it was last Fall when you met with residents to address their concerns about some homes on the street being used as rental properties, and more recently, the purchase of one home (#23) as a retirement home for several senior citizens.

We noted your response to the above concerns and felt that it was measured and professional, although I don't imagine that it was appreciated by some residents.

Just this past week the organizer of this "protest" left a long letter in mailboxes to inform residents of the upcoming meeting on December 7 to discuss the bylaw relating to #23 Hillside. She also talked of hiring a lawyer and her goal of forming an Association of Bramalea Woods residents to, and I quote: "...keep Bramalea Woods a community of family and preserve our beautiful neighbourhood". We find this statement to be quite shocking in that it implies that seniors are not "family" and by allowing them to live in the community it would somehow degrade the beauty of the neighbourhood. She may not be aware that there are many seniors living on Hillside Drive, many of whom have lived here for over 50 years. (We've been here over 20.)

We are aware of one group home in Bramalea Woods and several homes that are occupied by renters. In fact, one of those rental homes is next door to us, and at this time we have no concerns with the tenants who are polite, quiet and maintain their yard. Good neighbours? – yes, we think so. And, we have never heard any complaints about the group home in our neighbourhood.

In this time of a lack of affordable housing for so many lower-income families and seniors in Brampton it makes sense to find ways of housing multiple seniors in one home in a quiet neighbourhood. They are entitled to a safe, comfortable home as much as anyone else. For someone to object to this type of arrangement, especially when so many elderly people are dying in the pandemic, is totally unwarranted and insensitive.

We felt that you should know that not everyone on Hillside Drive is endeavouring to stir up trouble. We have a beautiful neighbourhood and friendly neighbours. Surely, there is room for a "family" of seniors to join that neighbourhood?

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