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To: Paula Melgar
Subject: [EXT:]Citizen submission for council meeting 12/06/2022

Hi, in reviewing the agenda for the work session at 4pm today and meeting that is open to the public at 7pm I am submitting the following questions, information.

I recently found out that my short-term rental is not allowed in Cottonwood Heights.

I've been reading online that the city is concerned with the low availability of affordable long-term rental properties for citizens looking for a place to live. The space I offer does not have a kitchen, only a living area, and a bathroom so I'm not certain how my space would be beneficial to the city for citizens looking for long-term housing.

What exactly is the city council's concern about a short term rental in the Cottonwood Heights when the potential space to be rented is not capable of being offered long term?

1. Has the city done anything to implement any type of flexibility/ solution to the matter of short term rentals?
2. Is a variance of zoning possibly a solution to give a resident the approval to provide a short term rental when the space they are offering is not suitable for long term renters? If not, please explain why and what an alternate solution would be or has been discussed previously?
3. Has the city taken into the account that these short term rental bring positive exposure to the city and tax revenue to local businesses, residents and visitors?
4. Has the city done any research of other neighboring cities and investigate how they include short-term rentals and what criteria they use?

I'm aware Sandy allows a licensed small business to apply for approval to have a short-term rental and not all of the allowed licenses have been taken. If Cottonwood Heights could offer something similar with an applicable tax, wouldn't that be a good source of additional tax revenue for the city? That could benefit residents, the city, other businesses in the area, and visitors. My space is not designed to cover long-term rental needs and there would be empty rooms left that would not be in use so that's why we all need a solution with more flexibility.

At the end of the day, in these difficult times, some people rely upon this income to pay their mortgage, bills, and medications, and to put food on the table.

We would like to raise this concern. Also, people in the neighborhood are wanting to have this topic discussed more. People in the neighborhood with the same issue feel neglected and not being treated equally as people in neighboring cities. We like this area and want to contribute in best way to the community with the potential that we have.

Thank you,

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