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Dear Neighborhood Planning & Development Committee,

After the testimony from the April 19, 2023 Neighborhood Planning & Development Committee, I am writing to encourage your support to enact the current (April 19, 2023) Committee Substitutes for Ordinances 230267 and 2368. The proposed ordinances answer many questions and concerns raised by both long-term residents and short-term rental operators, and prove to be an amenable solution for both parties.

I live in a Midtown neighborhood that, for now, is a healthy mix of valuable homes and affordable housing. One my particular block, though, we already have an entire apartment complex converted to all STRs, a house with a room in which the owner has expressed the plan to move out and make the entire house an STR, a former historic grocery store that is a 24/7 STR, and a house across the street that was just bought by a Johnson County resident who "promises" to only rent to families (LOL).

Of the 16 residential *buildings* on our block, three (currently) have STR elements or are 100% STR, and another single-family home recently purchased has expressed desire to be 100% STR. That's 1/4 of the buildings, and — considering the apartment STRs — probably **more than 50% of the *units*.**

We see shady characters at all hours, illegally parked cars, extra trash not picked up, late night rowdiness with loud music and loud or yelling voices, among other issues. I've personally been yelled at from the front door of the STR apartment by some scary-looking dude. (He pretended to be talking to "someone else" when he realized my 80-pound German Shepherd and I were not amused.)

Oh, and we have *at least 10 awesome, school-age kids and two babies* on this one block.

I have reviewed the comments and concerns expressed by the Midtown Neighborhoods in their Comments to Substitute Versions of 230267 and 230268, dated April 12, 2023. The April 19, 2023 Committee Substitutes satisfactorily address those concerns. I implore the City Council and Mayor to enact an ordinance that resolves those concerns.

Sincerely,

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