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Good evening,

Please consider **voting against** a ban on short term rentals in residential areas. We are a young couple who are owner-occupants of a duplex in Kansas City. We rely on the opportunity STRs provide to improve our current living conditions while also working towards having a chance at affording to start a family in Jackson County.

Personally, we purchased a duplex in midtown Kansas City as an owner-occupant. The home was not in ideal living conditions when we purchased it. Using the unit we refinished first as a short term rental has been a way for us to fund improving the property to make sure it keeps pace with the quality of the neighborhood. We are a young couple who love living downtown Kansas City. We know one of the only ways we can start a family in downtown Kansas City is to use the equity we are building here to use when buying a single family home. We believe what we are doing is providing positive value to our neighborhood and Kansas City. Without the option of short term rental, we will likely be priced out of making the necessary improvements that are required for an older home and will have to move outside of Jackson county.

A full ban on all short term rentals in residential areas does not make sense for Kansas City. There are more strict and fair restrictions that can be put in place instead of banning short term rentals completely. Such as density requirements, local management, and even owner occupancy requirements.

Thank you for your time,
Lucas & Karli