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Dear Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee:

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 and ask the City Council and Mayor to enact an ordinance that resolves those concerns, including:

Quality of life protections, for both neighbors and guests, should continue to be required including the limits on the number of guest and prohibition of parties/events.

Current permitted STRs should be required to re-register under Chapter 56 once their permit expires, and will be expected to comply with all requirements except the zoning and density requirement as long as the registrant or ownership does not change.

The booking platforms must be required to remove any unregistered or deregistered STR.

The neighborhoods Department must be committed to actively enforcing the ordinance to address violations and close STRs that are illegally operating or failing to comply with the Ordinance.

A neighbor of mine in Hyde Park has a STR and has done everything correctly regarding its use including: asking neighbors for their permission and discussing with them any concerns, having a current license, adhering to a no-party/event policy, being responsive to any concern/problem that might arise and only renting to a small number. She has demonstrated her concern for her neighborhood, and city, by, in essence being, a "good neighbor".

Ordinance #230268 will determine the fate of residential neighborhoods in Kansas City, Missouri. It will impact whether those neighborhoods are safe for residents, including families and children. Please promote the needs of residents or prospective residents searching for affordable housing in our neighborhoods over investors who have no connection with the neighborhoods.

We are asking our elected representatives to partner with residents and neighborhoods to create a reasonable compromise that allows for sustainable growth but protects the rights and interests of permanent residents.

Sincerely,

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