

**Chickasaw Federation, Inc.**  
Chickasaw Neighborhood, Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky

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Dear Metro Council:

On behalf of the Chickasaw, west Louisville neighborhoods, and Greater Louisville, we are grateful to Councilwoman Cheri Bryant Hamilton and the Metro Council on giving attention to neighborhood concerns relating to area transitional and rooming houses.

West Louisville neighborhoods take pride in embracing and promoting quality, neighborly living – welcoming a diverse and varied population. On the contrary, it is an area dealing with many environmental stresses with residents strongly expressing that the inundation of transitional and rooming housing units, presently without controls and/or guidance, increases stresses upon the area.

The call for a moratorium or similar action to prevent additional transitional and rooming housing units in west Louisville is necessary to examine the impact of such housing units in and about the area. The impact study shall examine: (1) the legality or guidelines required of these housing units, (2) monitoring and code enforcement, (3) target renter populations and criminal and/or health concerns, (4) predatory renting practices, (5) quality and livability, (6) impact on residential and commercial property values, (7) impact on area property sales and values, (8) impact on area rental rates, and (9) risks relating to the density and location of these housing units.

To be clear, the stance against the inundation of transitional and rooming housing units in West Louisville neighborhoods is not a stance against the individuals that either choose or constructively forced to live in these housing units. It is our goal to offer support to individuals to transition and embrace the neighborhood's values and qualities.

The call for attention on area transitional and rooming housing units is primarily an effort to maintain neighborhood quality and value. This is an effort to preserve area neighborhoods' unique and beautiful housing stock – one of the many jewels of west Louisville. This is an effort maintain neighborhood order and decency – advocating against nuisance and criminal behaviors. This is an effort to enhance neighborhood value – promoting neighborly living and protecting home investments. This is an effort to protect the area neighborhoods' quality of life and enjoyment – maintain its attractiveness for both individuals and families.

Thanks for your attention on this true neighborhood concern. Your prompt response and action on this matter would be greatly appreciated and mutually beneficial to west Louisville neighborhoods and the Greater Louisville communities.

Very best regards,

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