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Subject: 18CUP1028-2027 Maryland Ave

I am writing to express my concerns about the CUP request to utilize the single family house as a hotel. I use that term deliberately.

The house sets vacant when there are no customers. It's used solely as a commercial hotel without tenant or owner in residence. This absentee owner runs a C-1 or C-2(alcohol is often consumed outside, see attachment to follow) use. Following that logic, I should be able to open a bar or restaurant in my house and move elsewhere.

I have no objection to a short term rental use that is within a neighbor's home. I do object to taking housing off market so a house can set vacant for days and suddenly have ten people milling about. Strangers don't make good neighbors.

I am 100% for creative urban zoning that allows a mixture of compatible uses. I do however take issue with an owner who deliberately purchased the house for use as a hotel, operated it since day one as such without appropriate approvals, and would likely be doing so now had neighbors not made inquiries about site status with Metro.

New Orleans is currently wrestling with this issue of owner occupied uses vs non, and I include for distribution to the Board that article because it details issues we face as well.

Here is a "day after" photo taken a couple weeks ago. I have a video of the same customers the day before that audibly illustrates the disregard some hotel guests have for who might live nearby. The "F" word is used loudly and often by this group. My neighbors have hosted many a loud party but they know other neighbors include small children and party accordingly.

I thank you for your time and consideration. I will send the article about New Orleans by separate email.

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