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I am withdrawing my application for short term rental for 1233 S 6th St. It is somewhat illogical to be selling a house, and having future rental reservations that could not be honored. I started this process in 2017 with no intent of selling. Having started the approval process, my A personality dictated I complete it. Plus, I wanted to experience how this process was conducted.

However, I do want to share some observations after spending an afternoon watching five applications being reviewed. There appear to be some members of the zoning board that have a mandate and or mission to find any way possible to disapprove applications for short term rental.

Examples:

- The young lady represented by Paul Whitty had created debt and invested equity in a major renovations of a home in an arear in need of home renovations. She had prior approval for short term rental as a primary residence. The 600 ft rule, which is absurd and another bureaucratic ruling to refuse short term rentals, was the justification of rejection. She had short term rental approval prior to this additional hurdle being implemented. Thus, she should have been grandfathered in. Additionally, if the 600 foot rule was based on parking issues, she had parking for 3 cars in her driveway and a three car garage. Also there were only two approved sites in the 600 feet and they were on the outer periphery not close to her home. When does compassion and common sense enter into your evaluations?
- In my case, since I have multiple investments in homes, I have to prove my primary residence at 1233 S 6th Street, while the case heard prior to me did not have this requirement. If this is not my primary residence, why is it fully furnished. Wouldn't the furniture be at a supposed new primary residence. A common sense deduction. As I explained, I am in a position to travel and enjoy a life of leisure, the American dream. I also explained my logical and commonsensical reasons for using another property I have invested in as my mailing address. This inconsistent rational is puzzling, disappointing and unjustified.

It would be very encouraging to have this board work for and not against our city citizens. Short term rental is a way for home owners to earn additional income to support their families and supplement retirement income, yet, certain members of this board seem intent on concentrating on all the reasons to deny applications. This is very, very sad.

In summary, You would think that living in the democratic USA, a home owner could decide and have the right to rent all or part of their home subject to deed restrictions. Unfortunately, the powerful outside influencers with profit motives predominate and the citizen suffers. And they are using each of you to do this.

Best regards,

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