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Sent Electronically

Clifton Town Meeting
P.O. Box 20042
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Re: Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

Dear Councilmember Jeffreys:

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The Clifton Town Meeting Board of Trustees would like to thank you for your consideration and your tireless work to sustain and improve the City of Cincinnati and its great neighborhoods.

The Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) Board of Trustees has reviewed and discussed the proposed ordinance modifying the zoning code to allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) where single family residences are permitted. While our community at large and the CTM Board of Trustees are largely in support of the proposal, we would like to request that the proposal be modified to eliminate the opportunity for ADUs to be used as short-term rentals.

It has been reported that some of the primary benefits in legalizing ADUs are to facilitate multi-generational living, aging in place, flexibility for families, and opportunities for individuals with disabilities and other marginalized populations; increase access to housing in neighborhoods across the city; provide affordable rental housing choice in single-family neighborhoods; and increase the socio- economic, racial, and age diversity within neighborhood populations. Allowing ADUs to be rented in a short-term capacity is contrary to these goals. Short term rentals would limit/eliminate the availability for longer term use of the units, therefore minimizing benefits to the housing shortage, especially in high-demand neighborhoods.

There is much discussion about how companies like Airbnb and Vrbo have crippled the fabric of communities, driven up the cost of housing, and decreased the availability of housing throughout the country. We urge you to remove this option from the proposal so as not to promote this same situation in our city's neighborhoods.

Sincerely,


Gérald Checco, *President*

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