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**Subject:** RE: STR Ordinances 230267 and 230268  
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Dear Neighborhood Planning & Development Committee, elected officials and Forest Decker,

I have lived in the Southmoreland neighborhood since 1997 and have served on the board of the neighborhood association, and as chair of the 43rd and Main TIF. With our proximity to the KC Art Institute, our neighborhood has always had a very high rental rate for single-family homes. Now our proximity to the Plaza, Westport, and the Nelson museum, is making our neighborhood attractive for short-term rentals including B&Bs and small hotels. I live on McGee, just off 44th street. The home to the south of mine is now a hotel (AIDA Hotel), and there are two hotels on Oak street in the same block (The Truitt and the Oak Street Mansion).

I am writing to express my **strong support** for the ordinances being considered for short-term rentals in Kansas City as well as my **support** for committee substitutes to Short Term Rental Ordinances 230267 and 230368 in a form that supports the following criteria:

- Neighbor consent should continue to be required, although a reasonable compromise is disallowing non-resident STRs in R zoning and enacting density requirements.
- Quality of life protections, for both neighbors and guests, should continue to be required including the limits on the number of guests 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 Neighborhood Services Department must be committed to actively enforcing the Ordinance to address violations and shut down STRs that are illegally operating or failing to comply with the Ordinance.

Thank you for addressing this important issue affecting so many Kansas City neighborhoods including Southmoreland.

Sincerely,  
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