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Comments in writing: I am writing in support of the proposed primary residence regulations for STR unit owners. I believe these rules will improve the quality of life of people living near STR units and also take properties out of investors' hands and put them back into the hands of actual Winnipeg homeowners who will live in that community.

There has been a lot of talk about the benefits of allowing multiple residences as STRs, but let's be honest here: The reason why STR unit owners are fighting the primary residence rule is because they want to keep exploiting a system that is broken. A system that allows them to profit to the detriment of neighbourhoods and communities. It's a system where they don't have to play by any rules and which has zero oversight. It has nothing to do with housing refugees, promoting tourism, or fighting racism in the hotel industry. These people paint themselves to be blue collar workers who use their business as supplementary income to put food in the table, but in reality they are wealthy investors who can afford to own multiple properties that could have been homes to permanent Winnipeg residents.

In addition to enacting a primary residence rule, you have to ensure that these rules are enforced, and that there are robust fines for each violation.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the city council for their commitment to this issue, and for looking after the best interests of Winnipeg residents.
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