

From: Emily
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To: Chamberlain, Lisa
Subject: Rental bi law pilot

Dear committee members,

My name is Emily Kam and my husband is Tyler Kam. We live in Bonnington at 59 West 1st st and we both are in strong support of passing this new rental by-law project pilot.

I have lived in bonnington for the last 6 years and in such a short time, have seen almost every house that went up for sale sold to a landlord-that then packs in the student renters from overseas. The issue is not with renting per say but with the upkeep and safety of these houses, which then strongly impacts the overall tone of the Neighbourhood. It is so heavily populated with rentals in our area that we have been having many-many issues with garbage,rats, weeds, long grass, parties, noise at all hours, racing young men in cars down our streets,etc. Their are many issues with jamming bodies into such small 1.5 and bungalow houses that are not meant for upwards of 8-10 students, not to mention most units are not legal rentals with proper escapes or up to code

As a strong community member of the newly created Bonnington Betterment Community, I know I speak for the group when I say we want to see some type of regulations/bi-laws/consequences put in place for absentee landlords. Something that will keep the renters, property, and neighbourhood safer and more enjoyable for all. Our area is turning into somewhere homeowners do not want to live anymore. The remainder of us who have not moved are committed to doing our part and desperately want better support in Licencing from the city. This is a step in the right direction.

My husband, I, and many members of the Bonnington Betterment Community that could not be here today implore you to pass this pilot.

Sincerely,
Emily Kam

'Education must not simply teach work- it must teach life.'

-W.E.B DuBois, 1888