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Subject: Implement Rental Housing Licensing Bylaw

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Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:50 AM
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Subject: Implement Rental Housing Licensing Bylaw

Hi there,

I am emailing today to show my full support for the implementation of the rental housing licensing bylaw.

I live in Ward 8 which has a large proportion of houses converted into rental units. I am in full support for density in our city and building the missing middle, but not at the cost of safety. These rentals are overcrowded and run down. They do not look like safe structures from the exterior (boarded up windows, tarps covering portions of the roof, etc.) and I believe that most would not pass safety tests because they do not comply with building or fire codes. The landlords also do not remove snow from their property or sidewalk during the winter, making it unsafe for their tenants but also for all the neighbours and anyone else accessing the sidewalk. A specific rental closest to me that exhibits this is 182 West 2nd.

Furthermore, the landlords of these rentals appear to solely rent to disadvantaged groups. Mainly preying on newcomers to Canada, young students and those accessing social assistance. This should not be allowed to happen and implementing this bylaw can help prevent this.

It is our responsibility as a city to take care of everyone in our communities, and letting these rentals continue without this bylaw would be letting down this population.

Thank you,

Catherine Mlekuz