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Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 4:31 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Bill 197 & short term rental law for NLR

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This is a letter that I have sent to our senator & Representative for our district, as well as the authors of Bill 197. I would very much like to make a statement to NLR city council as well as our state legislature with regards to living in a short term rental area. Please, I implore you to continue with your vote. I will gladly come speak at anytime.
Here is the letter sent to Mr.'s Bryant & McKenzie:I am a registered voter in downtown North Little Rock, AR. My husband & I reside at 216 West 6th st NLR. I am contacting you regarding Bill 197 that is coming before committee Monday March 6, 2023. I would really like to testify against this bill as I have for almost 17 years lived in a heavy short term rental area & have vast experience with this issue. We have witnessed first hand what short term rentals can do to a community.
My gravest concern being that it will be a constitutional amendment stating that anyone can do anything on their property under"pursuit of happiness ", what about my happiness as a homeowner, tax payer & my need for peace? I feel like we have been completely left out of the conversation, that this legislation is very one sighted, perhaps you have no idea what is going on at these short term rentals & the lasting effects? Do you own short term rentals, do you live on the premises or are they investment properties? It makes a huge difference if you are renting a room in your own home as opposed to living elsewhere and owning several investment properties. We have witnessed crimes,public drunkenness , panhandling, damage to our property from renters backing into our fence, noise & a near murder. We've been told there is nothing that we can do just call the police whenever there's an incident. Do you want to live that way? Where is my pursuit of happiness? Please stop this bill & leave it up to the cities!
Thank you,
Becky Ragsdale & Bob Ragsdale
I have also sent this to Democrat-Gazette.
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BY Mayor Hartwick
DATE 3/6/2023
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector
North Little Rock, Arkansas
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