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Subject: Re: 121 Menzies St rezoning application

Hello

I am writing you today to register my opposition to the rezoning application being made by Mr. Gordon Osbourne, owner/landlord of 121 Menzie.

I first learned of the application at the James Bay Neighbourhood Association general meeting held in April 2015. During Mr. Osbourne's representatives presentation I and many of those in attendance took great exception to what was being proposed, the precedent that it had the potential to create and the insult to those of us who had abided by the by-laws and followed due process for our projects and rezoning applications.

The most recent presentation was conducted at the JBNA general meeting on October 12th and again the majority of those present did not support Mr. Osbourne's application, for most of the reasons that I have listed above.

What was even more aggressive was the comment by Mr. Osbourne's representative John Ivison, when he stated "if his client hadn't been caught" they wouldn't be before us, asking for our support to find a compromise to correct the wrong.

It is also my opinion that Mr. Ivison attempted to play on the good nature of those present stating Mr. Osbourne was providing a much necessary accommodation for the more marginalized in society, those with alcohol and addictions issues, who have challenges in securing rental accommodation.

Mr. Osbourne may have provided units to those individuals and he should be acknowledged however it should never have been done at the expense of those in this city who do their due diligence, respect due process and don't operate illegal suites.

Mr. Osbourne has had 24 years of revenue from the 7 illegal suites in his building without benefit of due process, he shouldn't be rewarded for his bad behaviour, and his building should be reverted back to the it's original capacity of 7 units from the current 14.

Thank you for your time.

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