

From: G. Gargano
To: Clerks Richmondhill
Sent: Sun 3/17/2019 8:17 PM
Subject: resident comments regarding motion to regulate Airbnb homes in our community

Good day,

I would like to express my concern with the use of homes in our community being used as Airbnb or short term rentals.

In my opinion this is a business, why is it being allowed in a residential area, do we not have zoning bylaws to regulate business.

I am a resident in a townhome and the house connected to me, sharing a driveway is being used as an Airbnb. These short term rentals cause disruption to our neighbourhoods. My sense of security has been greatly compromised and I have been burdened with acting as a security guard for my family. There have been so many people coming in and out of that home. Some being at odd hours which raises concerns of why they are there. During the holiday season there were parties every weekend, and due to the mild weather ended up outside with noise going late into the night and early morning hours. Cars are coming and going constantly, some being left parked on the road overnight. I can always hear noise coming through the walls, whereas before I never heard my neighbours. The use of this house as an Airbnb has taken away my peace. I have valued my home and my life in Richmond Hill, which has been my home for over 25 years. I should not be having feelings of wanting to move away because of this. I believe if you spoke to others in the neighbourhood they would feel the same way. Please take action to maintain peace and order in our neighbourhoods for the people who have chosen to live here.

Thank you,

Gaetana Gargano