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A.C.T. Delegation regarding an Interim Bylaw for Airbnb's

An Interim Bylaw is required asap to ensure safety, livability and financial gains for our City. Here are a few reasons why A.C.T. is shocked that staff has ignored a request by citizens and by our City Council to take immediate action.

- 1- An **Immediate** Draft **Interim** Bylaw provides support for all stakeholders as a growing industry becomes the norm – use another city like Hamilton or Oakville or Brampton or any searchable Bylaw that is most applicable for the present. Future plans can be updated to reflect everything else that staff deems costly and requiring longer term research and scrutiny.
- 2- It is **Irresponsible** to put public safety second when every week we hear about a new shooting, a new throwing of a chair out a building, a new prom party gone wrong, a death.
- 3- **Ignoring** what citizens and our City Council have requested is simply disrespectful.
- 4- **Irrevocable** damage has already occurred and yet we try do all the right things and connect with all of the right decision makers and action takers and yet Q3 of 2020 is the staff's determination once funding is put into place for the research required. Irrevocable damage is occurring in neighbourhoods and lives right now. ACT.
- 5- **Inexplicable** to see in writing that citizens should continue to do what they are doing. It is not working. Services do not respond as one would hope or imagine. We have a Police Occurrence number. We have contended with this for over one year and we have spoken with City Staff and every Bylaw service imaginable. Noise, Fireworks, open unattended outdoor fire pit, Public Nuisance, Parking, Speeding and after hours Police have all been called yet there is negligible response and zero follow-up particularly by Bylaw Enforcement who are not working the hours when we most need their help. Police are responding to other higher priorities. We do not feel safe when we walk over to an Airbnb and ask them to tone it down at 2:00a.m. or when we flail our arms to remind the renters to slow down through our residential area. On many occasions over the past year although more than 10 neighbours have called, nobody comes to our assistance. And here we are again at great personal cost with our name in the news and our City Staff not taking action. It is inexplicable to have to repeat in writing and in another public presentation format that no citizen in Burlington should have to contend with people urinating and defecating in their yard. No citizen should have to pick up used condoms, bottles, cans, debris and have parking with key fobs awakening to street parties at 3:00a.m. One neighbour laughed with me when they asked if I was having a "sit in" on the middle of our street. I was actually sweeping up broken bongos from in front of their home where kids and families should be able to walk, bicycle and live their lives. Enough.
- 6- **Inexcusable and Intolerable** that nothing would be done immediately.
- 7- **Incomprehensible** simply Incomprehensible!
- 8- An IMMEDIATE DRAFT INTERIM Bylaw needs to be in place immediately.

**We respectfully request that our city ACTs responsibly by implementing an immediate Draft Interim Bylaw.**