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Dear Councilmembers and Staff:

I will keep this under one minute. Yesterday my name was not called to speak (was there from 1:15-5:05 pm). For the record, my name is LINDA RAMOS, and I believe I checked the wrong box, and I should have checked that I was in favor of the Bill of record dated in 2011.

My husband and I are senior citizens, and we have struggled through several recessions and bursts of the housing market, yet, through sacrifice and tenacity, have managed to hang on and pay our bills, be good citizens and most importantly pay our taxes. These taxes also pay the salaries of ALL the advocates speaking on behalf of HUD, Fair House, different groups for assisted living, while not a single tax dollar was offered to represent residents behalf — residents who were at work, or tending to their families, or for whatever reason that could not attend. We did not have the luxury of being bused or our transportation and parking paid to attend the hearing. Whatever “definition” you are struggling with, you have lumped in senior care, disabled, sobriety, recovering addicts, parolees into a single entity. These entities should be separated and evaluated separately as they represent a different number of beds. However, they all should be monitored, accredited, their staff certified, pay business licenses, be inspected, insured etc. NOWHERE was proliferation and saturation brought up. There should be a minimum 1 mile radius between assisted living dwellings, with a cap per zip code. We senior citizens should not have to fight for our sense of well-being or to protect our neighborhoods. The City Council used the word “community partnership,” however I saw no evidence of the persons who opposed PLUM mention one word of what they brought to the community. If anything I did hear two persons threaten again residents, which the City Council should have picked up on.

If there is someone available, would you please let me know if the next hearing on this matter will be an open session or closed session. Also, I want to thank you for allowing me to participate in this democracy and voice my opinion.

Yours truly,

Linda Ramos