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Dear Mr. Backstrom,

We are submitting this letter to urge you to support the City's Proposed Ordinance regarding boarding homes that operate in single family dwellings in low density residential areas. This is a fair and balanced approach to the problem.

Recently, Greenfield Lodge, a boarding house, operated by Michael Harmann, began operations in the single family (R1) dwelling half a block from our home on Goucher street. This is a violation of the zoning and our neighborhood cannot support a high density business without adverse affect. Goucher Street is a very narrow dead-end road that is not well maintained, with very little available parking, and no other access. The number of cars on the street has seen an immediate surge and it is often difficult to get past the narrow corner. In addition, we abut against the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and represent an area of maximum fire risk. A notable increase in transient smokers could easily lead to a devastating fire.

Again, we urge you to support the City's Proposed Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Sharon and Andrew Gavin  
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