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Comments for Public Posting: This might be naive- I really believe that government officials in general, and the city council specifically are trying to do good, and have the best interests of the people at heart- but whether through a lack of education of the facts, or bowing to political pressure.....this ordinance is hurting people.....and helping no one. Instead of giving you hypotheticals, I'm going to give you the real-world facts about how destructive this is to people you're supposed to protect. My girlfriend is a single mother who with a little help saved up the money for a down pmt. to finally buy. But finding an affordable house close to work, daycare and the same school district was impossible. But she found a perfect solution- a little four unit set of bungalows.... There were a couple of vacancies, in this RSO building- with two of the units very under market- 700.00 for an elderly woman, and 1200.00 for a couple in their 50's With her living in one vacancy- But she is able to make the mortgage work, because she can AIRBNB the fourth! this not only lets afford it-- but also lets the tenants live there with no weird pressure or the threat of evictions, that so many people worry about--- Instead- and this is no hypothetical- these are the facts- even if she rents the vacancy at market rent- she will be very upside, because the two long term tenants are so under market. and that is the ironic thing about some of the ignorant, uninformed testimony I've heard from some gov. officials, including the housing dept. They say "Dont include multi-units, and don't include RSO's" and you listened..... That's just flat out wrong.... If you're in an RSO-- YOU ARE PROTECTED ALREADY.....It doesn't and can't make you more susceptible to eviction- and won't cause more tension between landlord and tenant. The city needs to quit looking at landlords like they are all big corporations and enemies.....and maybe if they worked with us, instead of against us....we could find real-world solutions to the housing crisis.....instead of scapegoats.