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PLEASE MAKE THIS LETTER AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR TONIGHTS MEETING

My name is William O'Brien, I have been a resident of Pompano Beach for 53 years. I have resided at 1730 NE. 27th Avenue for the past 38 years, where I raised my 3 children and now our family is raising 4 grandchildren, with a 5th on the way. I have worked for the Pompano Beach Police Department for 25 years, and then following the merger, 20 years with the Broward Sheriff's Office. I became totally and permanently disabled in the line of duty. I have policed this community for some 45 years, the last 37 years as a Lieutenant.

It is my understanding that there is a pending request from the owner(s) of the above listed property for a variance and/or zoning change to accommodate a Sober house. Which, according to some neighbors, the owners are allegedly already utilizing this property for a sober house without any approval.

In the past, whenever any such change was proposed, the neighbors within a certain distance were provided notice from the City of the proposed change. I did not receive any notice and just became aware of this issue last night.

Now, here is my opinion and concerns. Permitting a sober home to operate in this neighborhood will cause **property values to plummet**. It will bring addicts, alcoholics, criminals, drug dealers, as well as others who associate with them. **Quality of Life** issues will become problematic.

Disturbances and assaults with neighbors will increase as the criminal element walk throughout the neighborhood at all hours of the day and night. **Crime will undoubtedly increase**, which potentially puts the safety of our residents, including children and senior citizens at risk. Families with children will move away for fear of their safety. The neighborhood will decline and be less attractive to folks looking for a home and considering a purchase.

There have been documented cases of **corruption** related to Sober homes. Just google "Sober Homes and Crime". You will find an AI overview, as well as specific articles related to corruption. There are many articles that would justify a rejection of this application.

Therefore, in consideration of all of the above, I would respectfully request you **reject this application.**