

Date: January 18, 2021

Attention: Zoning Board of Appeals

Subject: Operation of Alleged Sober-Home at 242 SW 9th Street, Pompano Beach, Florida

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing you regarding the current request by the neighboring “sober home” located next door to us at 242 SW 9th Street, Pompano Beach, Florida. My name is Glenn Gannon, my family and I reside directly next door to the subject residence. It’s my understanding that the owners whom are operating business next door have submitted an application for a special exception, in order to allow their weekly rental business to continue to operate as a “Community Residence” within our single-family zoned neighborhood. As a concerned husband, father, and neighbor, I strongly urge that you deny the applicant’s request for a special exception.

Over the last couple of months law enforcement has visited this residence on at least two occasions that I’m aware of. Visitation of law enforcement to single family residences on our street has not been a normal occurrence since we moved here in the Fall of 2006. Our family has enjoyed the peacefulness and safety of this neighborhood here in Lyons Park and we’ve been fortunate enough to raise our 10-year-old boy here without concern of unknown individuals coming and going next door prior to the home commencing operation this past Fall. According to the applicants Facebook page, the home can accommodate men-only, with rates advertised at \$180 per week. The fact that the owners have slipped into our community with this business, and occupants have come and gone, we have not been at ease nor felt the same level of security since this business began to operate several months ago.

The owners have not worked in good faith with our community. They did not advise neighbors of their intentions to open a male-only sober home. Furthermore, the owners who do not reside in Pompano Beach, opened their business without obtaining required licensing and permissions.

Please take under consideration that if the City grants the requested exception, a precedent will be set that anyone may open a similar business within any single-family zoned community without licensure or permissions; and may ask for forgiveness later via application for a special exception. I believe it is imperative to enforce the rules and regulations set in place to protect our community and improve our City’s reputation.

In closing, I strongly urge the board to reject the applicant’s request for a special exception to open an additional community residence within our community. The subject property is approximately 220-feet away from an already established community

residence, and the applicant's have not demonstrated good faith with local residents nor with the City of Pompano Beach.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at Pompano74@gmail.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn A. Gannon".

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