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May 11, 2021

Mindy Moore
Council Secretary
City of Warren

RE: Resolution Opposing House Bill 4722 to Restrict Local Communities from Exercising Local Control over Short-term Rentals

Dear Ms. Moore:

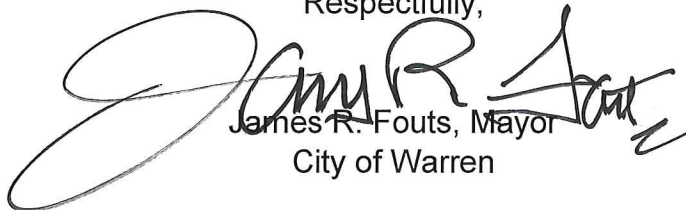
As Council may be aware, the State House is considering legislation that would negatively impact upon our ability to control the use or occupancy of residential properties for short-term rental purposes.

The legislation, House Bill 4722 would amend the Zoning Enabling Act to provide short-term rentals with the same standing as other residential property used for long-term rentals or owner-occupied housing. As Council experienced, short-term occupancy does not encourage the same vested interest in neighborhood stability and often leads to disruptive conduct to our long-term residents.

I encourage our mutual support of a resolution to encourage our State legislators to oppose this legislation.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,



James R. Fouts, Mayor
City of Warren

cc: Warren Smith, Planning Commission Secretary
Ron Wuerth, Planning Director

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 4722
RESTRICTING LOCAL CONTROL OVER SHORT-TERM RENTALS

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Warren, County Macomb, Michigan, held on _____, 2021, at 7 p.m. Eastern _____ Time, in the Council Chamber at the Warren Community Center Auditorium, 5460 Arden, Warren, Michigan.

PRESENT: Councilpersons _____

ABSENT: Councilpersons _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilperson

_____ and supported by Councilperson _____

Short-terms rentals very often lead to disruptive conduct and neighborhood problems. Short-term occupancy does not encourage the same vested interests in safe, peaceful living environments as long-term or owner occupancy within residential districts.

A municipality may have an interest in exercising zoning discretion over the use of areas for short-term occupancy, as may be appropriate to preserve neighborhood tranquility and minimize disruption, based upon the specific needs of its residents.

Under House Bill 4722, a local community would lose its discretion to impose zoning standards upon short-terms rentals, or to customize standards specific to short-term occupancy.

House Bill 4722 is an affront to local control within a city's jurisdiction conferred by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 PA 110 and the Home Rule Cities Act, 1909 PA 279.

This bill would disenfranchise local residents and render our local elected officials powerless to effectively address neighborhood disruption, and the bill does not preserve to communities sufficient police powers for a local official to represent its residents' interests.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Warren strongly oppose House Bill 4722 and any legislation that will undermine local control, especially this over-reaching proposed legislation.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Warren urges Honorable Gretchen Whitmer, State Senator Paul Wojno, State Representative Richard Steenland, State Representative Lori Stone and State Representative Nate Shannon to join the City of Warren in opposing this legislation, and to reject any measures to advance this bill to the House or Senate Floor.

AYES: Councilpersons: _____

NAYS: Councilpersons: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

MINDY MOORE
Secretary of the Council

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF MACOMB)

I, SONJA BUFFA, duly elected City Clerk for the City of Warren, Macomb County, Michigan, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Warren at its meeting held on _____, 2021

SONJA BUFFA
City Clerk