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Hello I was hoping to submit the following statement for the city council meeting tonight (on the topic of short-term rentals):

Good evening council members. Thanks for all you've done for Westminster. My name is Katie and I wanted to submit a brief public comment on the STR policy that is being reviewed.

I've been a part of the STR community input for over a year now. I've tuned into the council study sessions, attended the summer and winter focus groups, and reviewed various drafts of this legislation. Through this involvement, I believe I've heard all sides of this issue and just wanted to say that Aric, Joy, and Mark have done a fantastic job. With their years of experience on the topic as well as their well-balanced and empathetic approach, I believe they've created a policy that truly captures the priorities of all stakeholders.

Of course, both sides could always push for more. I know that at least from the STR owner perspective, of course no one likes paying new taxes or for some, they would love to have more than one STR, but I do truly believe Aric, Joy, and Mark have struck the balance between homeowner's rights and community preservation with what is currently being proposed. This policy would eliminate the bad actors which is good for responsible STR owners and community members alike. I also believe this policy is highly enforceable (unlike Denver, for example, where it is nearly impossible to prove whether or not someone was using their home as a primary residence). This policy is a strong one and I hope you vote to move forward with it. Thank you very much and thank you to Aric, Joy, and Mark for listening to all sides of the issue and for your hard work putting this together.