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Honorable Members of the City Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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RE: **Neighborhood Integrity Initiative-2017/Crime Free Zone Ordinances**

Dear Council members:

During the month of November, and before the end of this year, I'd like to present for your consideration a *Neighborhood Integrity Initiative-2017*, a new concept for our City that will draw upon our long standing vibrancy, positive and flourishing neighborhood life while concurrently establishing the safety and security that we all cherish and seek for our City rental neighborhoods.

As you may have seen from news stories and other public developments, short term rentals and use of single and multi dwelling properties have created new sets of issues and problems for cities across the nation. The program(s) proposed is centered on creating a variety of collaborative measures and initiatives that will result in City-wide improvement of residential *rental* properties and neighborhoods through direct and joint collaboration and buy-in from our landlords, property owners and their tenants.

While such or similar programs have begun to be considered and/or used in some selected areas of the nation, I believe that introduction of this in Danbury and in this part of Connecticut will be a unique and exciting quality of life experience.

At my request, the Office of the Corporation Counsel will hereafter be providing the proposed legislation and accompanying documents that you will be able to consider at an ad hoc committee that I am asking be appointed to review this.

Thank you for your attention to and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Boughton
Mayor

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