

Andrew Boucher

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Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 1:37 PM
To: Andrew Boucher
Subject: Rental license exception request for 4721 Chatham Rd NE

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Hello Andrew,

Thank you so much for your help and discussion today regarding renting my home in Columbia Heights. Please see the requested narrative below that briefly outlines my family's history and desire to rent our home on 4721 Chatham Rd NE. I am planning to be in town on January 4th, and will attend the City Council meeting in person if I can get on the docket.

To the Columbia Heights City Council,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am writing to request a rental license exception to be allowed to rent my home at 4721 Chatham Rd NE. The house was built in 1956 and my grandparents, [REDACTED] were the original owners; it is a place that holds deep, personal significance for me and my family. I was born in Los Angeles, California and I remember this home vividly as the place I first experienced snow during a winter visit when I was 6 years old; it is the place where I first heard thunder and saw lightning flash across the sky; it is the home we came to in 1996 when my family ran out of money and we needed to live with my grandparents while my mom got back on her feet; it is the home I moved into in 2006 so that I could take care of my grandfather while I attended the University of Minnesota; it is the home I returned to in 2013 to take care of my grandmother and go to graduate school to get my Ph.D.; it is the home that my mother would like to return to when she retires; and hopefully, one day, it is the home I would like to pass on to my kids.

Currently, my mother lives in Washington state and is not yet ready to retire. My partner and I are expecting our first child in March and we will need to live in Oregon to be near our support system as we begin our family. Having the ability to rent our home on 4721 Chatham Rd would be a great help to us to ensure the property is safe, maintained, and ready for us when we are ready to return to Columbia Heights and continue living in the place our family has loved and cherished for several generations.

I am happy to provide more information if necessary.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]