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Honorable Members of Denver City Council:

I am writing regarding Denver Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation’s position on the Group Living Text Amendment pending before Council. As an organization we have been following the process and educating our members about the changes. We were fortunate enough to have several representatives on the Group Living Advisory Committee. Giving us a seat at the table was very advantageous for us to discuss issues with neighbors along with INC and allow residents to have their perspectives heard. The over two year planning process was deliberative and collaborative. The facilitation was excellent.

The updates provided at various INC meetings occurred throughout this process. INC as a body, made several Resolutions that were presented to you as City Council members (one from July 2020 and one from Aug 2020). One asked for additional time and one had several suggestions. At no point has INC voted to oppose the Group Living Text Amendments. Additionally, please be advised that INC has also never offered their support to Safe and Sound Denver. They never asked us to support them, nor has INC ever voted to support their positions. We never asked them to use our name on their website (twitter or any other social media or on any petitions) nor have they requested our permission that INC be included on their website, petitions or on any social media. We also have asked them to remove INC’s name from their website to no avail. This misrepresents INCs position — as previously stated, INC has never voted to oppose the Group Living Amendment changes. INC is welcome to all residents in Denver and one of our major goals is to educate Denver’s residents. We have found that Safe and Sound Denver does not allow comments or contrary opinions — this is a contradiction of INCs mission and position of inclusivity. INC is presenting this clarification to Council so that our position, as has been misrepresented by S&S D, may be corrected and we should not be connected or aligned with Safe and Sound Denver in any way.

The INC Board understands that our delegates have varying opinions that they may express to City Council. This letter is to make Council aware of INC’s position that we as an organization have not opposed the Group Living Text Amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

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