March 15, 2015

Mary Beth Susman
Members of Denver City Council
City and County of Denver

Re: Resolution on Short-Term Rentals

Dear Councilwoman Susman and Members of City Council,

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation is an association of more than 100 Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) from neighborhoods throughout Denver. Founded in 1975, INC’s mission is to advocate for Denver citizens by bringing together, informing and empowering Denver neighborhood organizations to actively engage in addressing city issues.

Upon recommendation of the INC Zoning and Planning Committee, the INC delegates approved the following Resolution at the March 14, 2015 INC monthly meeting The vote was 35 in favor, 4 opposed and 4 abstaining.

Resolution Regarding Short-Term Rentals in Residential Neighborhoods in Denver

Be it Resolved:
That until such time as new regulations are adopted Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) strongly urges the Denver City Council and the Mayor of Denver to enforce the provisions of the Denver Zoning Code prohibiting short-term rentals, and

That, INC urges the Sharing Task Force of the Denver City Council to consider a variety of options for appropriate regulation of these rentals including taxation and licensing or permitting measures to include limitations on density and location, and

That options for short term rentals should not be considered which would have a detrimental effect on the social and cultural fabric of Denver's residential neighborhoods, and

That, ordinances regarding short term rentals should contain reasonable provisions for enforcement and standards, violations of which will result in processes leading to possible penalties and/or rescission of rights granted under licensing or permitting, and

That, INC strongly urges City Council to include representatives of INC in the City Council Sharing Economy Task Force to give neighborhoods a voice in the solution and process relating to short-term rentals in the City of Denver, and

That, further, INC recommends that Sharing Economy Task Force meetings be televised or, at a minimum, recorded for those residents in Denver who are unable to attend City Council meetings.

Thank you for your consideration of this important Resolution as you seek solutions to the complex issues surrounding short-term rentals in the City & County of Denver.

Respectfully yours,

Larry Ambrose, President, INC