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How would you like to make your public comment?:	In-person
Provide Written Comment Here:	
Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda):	Appeal for Zoning Interpretation for Margarita Inn
Position on Agenda Item:	Opposed

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Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda):	Margarita European Inn
Position on Agenda Item:	Opposed

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Name: Mary Whalen

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How would you like to make your public comment?: Written (see below)

Provide Written Comment Here: The Margarita Inn currently operating under the management of Homeless Connections is not in compliance with code and should have ceased operations once the emergency order expired. Efforts to position the Inn as a "rooming house" after operating for the last two years as a transitional shelter for the homeless are insulting and deceptive. Connections has done nothing to truly engage the neighborhood aside from an orchestrated public relations effort that did nothing to address the concerns of residents, police and local businesses -- concerns that are validated by FOIA reports showing dramatic spikes in police activity that coincide with their introduction to the neighborhood. I wonder how Albany Care was "sold" to the then Zoning Commission and if the board and city staff that approved it regret their lack of due diligence? A careful analysis could have revealed what has now become an epic failed experiment in providing social services and care to those who are most vulnerable. I see no evidence that Homeless Connections will not go down this same path as Albany Care, most certainly if they are approved to operate with little or no regulation as a rooming house, that will result in staff (if they can find, fund and retain some) fleeing from frustration and residents left feeling helpless. Our own alderman, Jonathan Nieuwsma was recently

quoted in local media, "Albany Care is a nightmare and an example of how things can go terribly wrong." We need a solution but this is not the solution. A decision to authorize this should require far more accountability than a rooming house. Go back to the drawing board before we find ourselves saddled with Albany Care 2, the sequel.

Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda):

Margarita Inn/Homeless Connections zoning issue

Position on Agenda Item:

In Favor

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