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I have sat here and watched the value of my home become almost nill since it will no longer be sellable at market value. The house next door was sold at $53k so immediately devalued ours by 50% and remodeling took place. We talked to the workers and were told the guy that bought it flipped homes for resale and while a very nice home that appraised over $100k (which is a good price in our area) but needed some updating. We thought he would sell it at close to appraisal and our value would go back up. We even let them get water from our house to help keep the work on track. We were looking forward to having new neighbors after all this is a small neighborhood, quiet, little traffic.

Our neighborhood was blindsided with a CILA home run by the KAIL group. None of us were asked if it was acceptable to have our homes devalued, more traffic, and numerous and questionable strangers in and out of the neighborhood. Strange cars in the neighborhood previously drew attention making it a safe neighborhood now that will no longer be possible. The neighborhood is upset with this chain of events taking place but we have no say even though we are being severely affected by it.

The only threat in the neighborhood was the sex offender down the street and he couldn't make a move due close watch kept on him. Now there are all kinds of people in our once quiet neighborhood. We are seeing all kinds of run down vehicles etc. as they vie for the few jobs in the group home.

Not only is my home no longer going to have any value since the house next door sold at half market price and I have lost a good part of my life's savings in the devaluation but there is also those who were lied to at Murray Center when they weren't told that the State was sneaking out getting group homes ready so Quinn could speed up the loss of jobs and though there was an injunction to prohibit them Quinn's people kept bringing them out to start acclimating them to their new "home".

KAIL hired workers at minimum wage and no benefits to care for those being placed and from the looks of some of them very little in the way of background checks and their friends that now hang out there which some days are numerous at the home. These people leave the residents unattended in the house for extended periods of time while they smoke, have visitors, text, whatever but care for the individuals assigned there. I; unfortunately, have previously

met some of those who work in these group homes. There is one I have heard brag about getting paid to watch TV and play on the computer. Why not they got cable installed. Another talked about sleeping all night when working night shift. Who was doing the checks to see if the residents were present, accounted for, and safe.

When the residents do get a chance to get outside they often are getting smoke from all the smokers (since it appears the majority smoke) blown in their face. Will you or OSHA do anything?? Hell no it is a private home and therefore this abuse is not illegal. Grown adults with the ability to make their own decisions can't be smoked around because it is a health hazard and is banned from all PUBLIC buildings in IL. That included Murray Center but now these disabled individuals unable to fend for themselves or complain have to endure the smoke both inside and outside their home and the vehicle they travel in because you and they have found a way around it just call it a private home. They often have all the windows open even during a heat wave. This house requires some serious airing but that may be due to water in the house too.

These homes are also supposed to be for those able to take care of themselves. Everyone in the house next door to me require skilled care. After all a feeding tube isn't your everyday self care item. If they were able to fend for themselves explain how you do it tied in a wheelchair with your hands tied down? Why are gait belts or walkers needed if they can walk unassisted?

Individuals that are self harming are not protected half of the time, I watched one hit herself so often it looked like her eye was blacked and the care??giver did nothing but continue to talk and text. Other times same worker and another girl have male friends in. One will end up staying with a male friend at the house while the other leaves the job and goes who knows where with her male friend. These have been reported but as always you do as ordered by Quinn and turn a deaf ear to these people's plight.

KAIL workers speed through the neighborhood and sooner or later one of the elderly who take a little time to back out of their drives will get hit backing out or one of the kids living here will be hit by these people. They even manage to squeal the tires on the handicapped accessible van when transporting the disabled. Speed limit here is 25 and they have yet to do it.

KAIL workers often have residents in the van because they take them to other homes for a day or two at a time often returning more than 24hr later *wearing the same clothes* they left in. This is supposed to be a home for them and I don't know about you but I do not get kicked out of my home almost every week for a day or more. We also often have men residents introduced to the house with the women and where they have to sleep I don't know because the house does not have that many bedrooms. One of the men is a runner and after a few trips through the neighbor's yard the neighbor left because he couldn't deal with it. KAIL finally put up a fence. Ap 25ft of solid vinyl in an attempt to block my view because I was consistently reporting violations as I seen them and definitely not a fence to keep residents safe and prevent running. Let's not forget when they run they stand a good chance of getting caught in

the large brush pile in the yard that KAIL yard workers consistently work around, add to, but never clean up.

We have had some of these "workers" and their "friends" walking around checking (casing) out the homes so it is just a matter of time before one of us is robbed. We can't do anything until something happens though and you have let this happen to us having them here in our neighborhood. Where will you be when something happens? I know it won't be here helping us because it appears you can't even be trusted to help those who can't help themselves. Shame it isn't happening to you and yours because then maybe you might have an inkling of what the hell we are talking about.

This was all done so a few can line their pockets and a few more can get great promotions. What about the rest of us with our homes and neighborhoods being destroyed, jobs lost, homes gone, and competent care gone?? The money they have spent in this one home alone has to be a small fortune. The roof leaked, the plumbing backed up and destroyed new flooring so that in just a few months flooring had to be relayed, the roof still needs fixed as it hasn't been replaced in more than 15 yr and you can see the tar in the roofing in several places. One shingle which was all that was done wont' cut it. Sewer lines had to be relayed. Concrete dug up and repoured. They claim there is no mold in the house but if it had enough water damage done in the summer to require new flooring odds are there is more mold than can possibly be safe.

I will remember in the next election as will my neighbors and friends. Hopefully if Murray Center is closed you will all be looking for new appointments so you can't hurt anyone anymore in the name of politics because it's not to save money.

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