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MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I do not know if you have the right to bring in a by-law that will protect the service clubs which operate senior buildings. What is needed is a by-law or law that will make it possible for them to evict any tenant who does not participate in a fire drill or respond to a fire alarm.

Because only a handful of tenants in \_\_\_\_\_ responded to fire drills our present administrator stopped having them.

At about 11 p.m. Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> our fire alarm went off. The smoke in the building that we could all smell turned out to have come from someone's barbecue and had been drawn into the building through our vent on the roof. But none of us knew that until the firemen who came in response to our call, made that determination.

In the meantime those who evacuated did everything wrong!

As I pointed out to our manager and administrator that if anything happened to any of our tenants it would be the \_\_\_\_\_ who would be blamed. I was told that tenants who did not respond to a fire drill could not be given an eviction notice!

Fire in a seniors building is a very serious event. I am aware that thousands of buildings never have a fire, so most of us do not think fire is a problem. On the other hand the fire departments know that fires happen more often than we believe.

I ask that the council to bring in a by-law that will protect those who care enough to give us their time an effort.

Yours sincerely,

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