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Media Release

**Statement on the Dismissal of the Attorney General's Lawsuit  
Regarding the Sunnyside Crime Free Rental Housing Program**

The City of Sunnyside is gratified by the December 6, 2019, U.S. District Court decision to dismiss the state Attorney General's (AG) lawsuit alleging concerns with past implementation of the City's Crime Free Rental Housing (CFRH) program.

As we stated earlier this year, the City was disappointed when the AG initiated this litigation. The City had produced extensive historical records and held good faith discussions with the AG since 2017 to understand what valid concerns, if any, the AG had with the CFRH program.

The Court has now agreed with the City that the AG's allegations and legal strategies have been both overbroad and largely unsupported.

We are dismayed that the AG's actions may have undermined public trust in the City or its employees in any way. The City's goal has been to apply our laws and ordinances in a fair and consistent manner. We remain open to future input from the AG that is offered in the spirit of productive collaboration.

The City appreciates the work of its legal counsel on this matter, including Mr. Kirk Ehlis of Menke Jackson Beyer LLP and Mr. Eric Ferguson of Kerr Ferguson Law PLLC.

The City has no further comment at this time.

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