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Can Not Attend the Meeting but Register in Favor

I was denied housing due to a 12 year old criminal conviction for prostitution. Because of this, I was forced to stay in a shelter with my baby because even though I have a job, am a full-time student and have been in no trouble at all in 10 years I could not find an apartment. I had \$2500 saved up for almost 6 months and could not find a place to live. I even had nine incredible references, including a retired cook county judge, several police officers and the CEO of the company I work for. Noone would look beyond my rap sheet.

I finally convinced a woman in South Shore to give me a chance, and I have lived in this apartment for 6 months with 100% on time rent and utilities. I keep my home clean and quiet, but I live in a terribly dangerous area.

I must stay here, a single mom, with a prosthetic leg, recently clean from drugs, but I have to live in a drug infested area of high crime and shootings for another 6 months until my lease is up. Even though I make \$17/hr and can easily afford to live somewhere safe without the daily temptation of drug dealers approaching me daily because I am a white woman in a drug infested area. They assume I am there to buy drugs. My life is hell because I was judged for something I did 12 years ago.

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