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Statement from Acting Mayor Pascarella in Response to QU Off-Campus Student Housing

Hamden – We are in receipt of Quinnipiac University’s statement regarding the construction of 300 new beds on the York Hill Campus. It is our understanding that this new construction will be of the “condo” type in order to attract upper classmen. Assuming the University doesn’t increase its enrollment, this is encouraging and a step in the right direction.

However, the University urging the Planning and Zoning Commission to “restrict, if not eliminate, the possibility of absentee landlords renting to unrelated people/students in primary residential neighborhoods” is legally questionable and may be unconstitutional.

Since the video footage of the May Weekend party on Delsole Road, we were hoping that the University would take some responsibility for their students’ disruptive off-campus behavior. Unfortunately, Quinnipiac’s continued insistence that off-campus student behavior is a municipal problem, is disappointing. Until the University accepts some responsibility for their students’ behavior, the Town of Hamden will have no choice but to consider law enforcement alternatives.

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