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Dear Mayor,

I grew up in Lakewood. I grew up here when the city of Lakewood had landlords who took pride in the appearance and maintenance of their properties. When they did not take care of their properties the city had something to say. Those people must have gotten to an age where they sold those properties and moved on to retirement. The shame of the matter is to whom they sold the properties to in some cases. That is just one aspect as to how this city is going down hill and going fast. My landlord has not even cut the grass in over a month. the paint is falling off the building. Heck my roommate caught 27 mice in one evening. The landlords reaction set traps, those traps were never checked or set again. The basement and garage are fire traps loaded with used wood that my landlord has collected from tree lawns. (he intends to use this wood for future repairs on this building). What amazes me is the soft touch by the Lakewood Building department. This landlord has appeared in the Lakewood Courts, Extension after extenuation after extension. This could be taken as a take no action judge who should, by the way be sentenced to live here for a month. Does the City of Lakewood intend to let problems go until it gets to far behind to make repair. Why can't the City take on a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY on the issue of slumlords. As for my responsibility in this if I could afford to move I would. Out of this City that once was a great place to live. If you want to see this building just look at the southwest corner Of Cook And Clifton. Yep it's right where alot of people can see how much the Administration of Lakewood cares about it's appearance.

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