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Los Angeles City Council
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Councilman Jose Huizar, Chair
Councilman Gilbert Cedillo
Councilman Mitchell Englander

City Hall
1149 South Broadway, Suite 400
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Re: Council File 14-0593 and Council File 14-0600-S89 re
Short Term Rentals and Transient Occupancy Tax

Dear Committee Members,

We urge the City Council to enforce the existing zoning laws that prohibit the use of scarce housing stock for short term rentals. The constant turnover of people is disruptive to neighborhood cohesion, and the City cannot enforce basic health and safety laws, particularly when the landlord is not living at the premises.

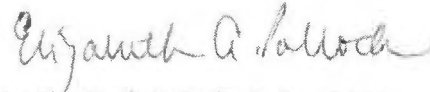
Individual homeowners and tenants already can choose to “share” their premises if that is permitted by their liability insurance and lease provisions. If a resident elects to function as a de facto hotel, the resident should be registered with the housing department, be subject to regular inspections by the housing department and be expected to pay a transient occupancy tax for any stay of less than 30 days. In no event should short term rentals be permitted in premises where the registered landowner or tenant is not also living at the premises. In other words, housesitters can still stay at one’s home while one is on vacation, but it must be clear who is responsible for the condition of the property.

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This letter was approved at our October 2015 board meeting.

Very truly yours,

DEL REY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



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