

I've lived in Los Angeles all my life. My husband has lived in Silver Lake all of his 50 yrs. We have lived in our Silver Lake home for 18 yrs. It has been a wonderful place to live. That is, until an Airbnb host bought the house across the street in April.

(1) I am here to give you my real world NOW experience. (2) I want to REMIND the City of LA of the law that was explained in Alan Bell's memo dated March 19th regarding Short-term rentals. And its non-enforcement has caused people like myself a lot of frustration and anguish.

A few months ago, a couple bought the house across the street. They claimed they were going to live there. But instead they immediately starting renting out the house for 3-4 days at a time. At first, my husband and I had no idea what was going on! The house was rented to a UCLA fraternity group, tourists, a wedding group from Texas, a group from San Diego, a Company retreat, a group from France, and more. I've seen people with luggage, a caterer, a professional photographer, cars parked and filling the street, rentacars, taxis, Uber cars; vomiting, smoking, loud talking on the street, and overfilled trash cans. The house has been rented out at least 14 times. My fellow neighbors told me that the house is listed on Airbnb. I didn't even know what Airbnb was! Then I discovered that the same couple owns another Airbnb rental in Los Feliz which they have advertised for over a year.

I filed a complaint with the LADBS on May 20th. Nothing happened. I contacted the City again. Nothing happened. Off the record, I was told if I want anything to happen, I need to get support from neighbors and bombard the City. Next, 30 of my neighbors and I signed a letter which we sent to LADBS, LADCP, local city attorney, LaBonge's, O'Farrell's, Gatto's, Gomez's, Garcetti's office and more.

City officials have told us to document the goings-on at the property, and phone in disturbances. We have done so. But the owners are still not stopped. The local City attorney says they need direct evidence and that it will take time. Well, last week I discovered direct evidence. I've done everything that the City has requested of me to report this illegal activity. City of LA, IT'S NOW YOUR TURN to prosecute the owners of the house.

This couple has personally threatened me, phoned in a false claim with the police against one of my neighbors, and **NOW I have been sued as the result of the City's failure to take any action to enforce its zoning ordinance**. It is retaliation and intimidation against us because we are threatening their illegal income. I guesstimate that they have made \$30,000+ in illegal rental income ONLY on the house across the street. I don't know how much they have made on the Los Feliz house.

Most of the income that the so-called "shared economy company Airbnb" has, must be from ILLEGAL activity because in most municipalities it is illegal. For some unknown reason the City of LA refuses to enforce the laws.

I am here to ask that the City of LA not allow this "unspoken moratorium" of the illegal short-term rental law while studying the issue of the "shared economy". Put our neighborhoods first and let's clean house! The law is clear right now [per Alan Bell's memo]. It is time for you to help the law-abiding citizens of Silver Lake, Venice and the rest of Los Angeles, and NOT help the very rich Airbnb-type companies with this Motion regarding the **quote** "Sharing Economy", which, by the way, is a misnomer. Airbnb and its hosts are not sharing ANYTHING. They are making money.

I haven't talked with the couple since they threatened me on June 5th. But the last thing they said to me [and resonates in my mind] was **quote** "This is my \$2 million house, and you're not going to tell me what to do with it, and NO ONE IS."

Is this what you call ~~this~~ the "sharing economy"?

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