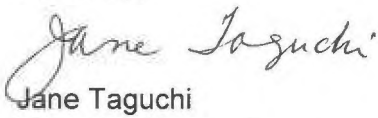


**Budget & Finance Committee  
Special Meeting  
August 3, 2015 – 2:00pm  
Item Number: 14-0600-S89**

- My name is Jane Taguchi and I have been a resident of Silver Lake for 19 years.
- I love living in my neighborhood, but over the past 14 months a shift has happened that is changing the character of my community for the worse. A 5 bedroom house across the street from me was purchased and turned it into a "hotel" which is illegal. It is a short-term rental which is advertised on Airbnb, FlipKey, VRBO, Tripadvisor, and Home Away.
- The house is now a mini-hotel bringing vacationers, parking congestion, noise, taxis, uber cars, and traffic problems on my narrow and hilly street, even a loud fraternity party.
- Strangers are weaving in and out of our streets; once a van full of people wanted to unload their luggage in my driveway. I don't feel safe or comfortable anymore.
- In normal situations, you could talk to your neighbor and try to resolve the matter, which I tried. But in retaliation, they took me to civil court (they lost the case), harassed me and my neighbors, making it clear that they do not want to follow the law.
- Unfortunately you will hear this story all over the city in neighborhoods like Echo Park, Venice, Hollywood, and Downtown. Neighbor against neighbor because the City of Los Angeles will not enforce its laws.
- The City's method of non-enforcement is contributing to an alarming loss of housing. These illegal companies are building their BUSINESSES to capture more and more short-term rental listings and are doing it now BEFORE the law changes to prohibit it, making it more difficult to enforce. But the thing that will make it simple, is that the platforms give the info necessary to enforce the new laws whatever they might be.
- I ask that you stand up and protect our communities.

Sincerely,



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