

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear L.A. City Councilmembers, I am writing to you to ask you to please change this restrictive ordinance to allow homeowners the chance to have more than one listing at a time in their homes. I am an Airbnb host. I came to Airbnb during the spring of 2015 when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I had been working through the economic crisis at companies that paid pretty poorly and to be quite honest, did not treat their employees very well. It was an employers market, to say the least. I struggled a lot during those years to try and improve my situation. I looked for new employment every day. I worked very hard to save my home through the process of applying for a home loan modification. The stress on myself during those times was enormous and I believe it is what led to me getting cancer. I decided that while I was in treatment I would pull this STR thing together and make it happen-and I did. I succeeded in getting a modification and have changed my employment status with the help of renting my home out for short term rentals. I am desperate to keep my home and more importantly concerned with keeping my stress levels down to keep cancer from coming back. Providing tourists and local family visitors with short term rentals in my home has allowed me to stay in my home, maintain it for the neighborhood and my guests and provided immeasurable economic benefits for the businesses in my neighborhood, not to mention the tax benefits the City of Los Angeles is already receiving from it. I employ three cleaners to clean my Airbnb's, who in turn provide for their children and families. Please Councilmembers, have some consideration for folks like myself and my employees in your decisions in changing the ordinance. Please allow tax-paying homeowners the ability to save their homes. There are many of us out here and we need your help. If I cannot have two short-term rentals in my home year-round, I will not be able to have it at all. It just doesn't work that way. I would have to sell my home and more than likely move somewhere else that I could afford to live. I am imploring you to do what you can for the people of Los Angeles to allow them to survive after this devastating economic crisis which is still impacting us all. This is your time. We need you. Thank you