

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Why are our elected officials trying to punish the very people who put them in office? I rely on renting out two of the bedrooms in my primary home in order to pay my bills and my mortgage. By forcing me to pay a ridiculous \$850 fee plus a per night charge, and by only allowing me to rent one bedroom per night, I will have much more difficulty paying my monthly bills. This ordinance is a play by the hotel lobbyists to get rid of their competition, and a play by the city to cash in on the success of Airbnb. Rather than waste so much time figuring out how to squeeze more money out of law-abiding tax-paying citizens, why can't the city start taking care of the horrific homeless problem we have? Why are people allowed to set up tents and leave piles of trash less than 1 minute away from my house, and yet the city thinks it's more important to regulate what a homeowner can do in their own home? I understand this ordinance was supposedly enacted to help with the housing shortage in LA and bring more affordable housing options to low-income residents of LA. I think that's a great idea, if you can effectively prevent millionaire landlords from buying up entire apartment buildings and turning them into short-term rentals. But if you really want to do something effective that will bring more housing in for LA residents, don't punish regular homeowners. Don't go after homeowners who are just renting a couple of bedrooms in their house to make ends meet. By limiting my ability to rent rooms in my house on Airbnb, you will not be solving the housing crisis, because there's no way the rooms in my house would be available to the people you are trying to find housing for. The only thing this legislation will create is angry homeowners who don't want to be told what they can do in their own home, and in the end you will still find that housing in LA is unaffordable and in shortage.