

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Danielle Deojay  
**Date Submitted:** 06/18/2019 09:43 AM  
**Council File No:** 14-1635-S2

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon Council Members, I'm writing to you today regarding item no. 14-1635-S2 and 14-1635-S7 from today's agenda and the Home Sharing Ordinance. I have been a resident of downtown LA for the past 8 years, and Los Angeles for the past 16. I moved downtown before it was the popular choice, having a love for architecture and history, and as a native East Coaster, a love for walkable cities. I spent many years working in the entertainment industry, predominantly as a marketing manager, and over time, realized my true professional passion and launched my interior design business last year, thanks in no small part to the support and spirit of entrepreneurship in the creative community I've found here in our city. I've spent my 8+ years in DTLA at the same live/work loft at 219 W 7th St, The Haas Building, at 7th and Broadway. It's served as my residence and my office, and is now in danger of being taken away, thanks to the allure of Airbnb. Over the last 2 years, the owner has been slowly converting the building into an Airbnb hotel called, The Rosemary — they are also allowing an after-hours bar on the 2nd floor. This is 68 units, previously all home to contributing (I.e. working, tax paying) members of our community. Those who have remained, like myself, are being hit with double digit rent increases, in a veiled attempt to push us out — for me, last year it was 18%, and 12% the year before, plus threats that they will be taking away parking, too. In my research, I discovered the city even approved a building permit on June 4, 2019 (record ID 74133561) to allow them to convert 49 of the 68 total unit to R1 Occupancy, leaving just 19 units at R2 designation for full-time residents — talk about a loophole! Rumor has it, the plan is to convert those, too. As coverage of the Home Sharing Ordinance has come out, I've read everything I can find about the specifics, in hopes to see some verbiage that applies to what I am experiencing — but from what I can tell, there's no regulation to protect me and my fellow residents from what is happening, and possibly a major loophole that allows multi-unit building owners to convert their buildings into home-share hotels. So, I ask you, how was this missed? If we cannot protect housing for tax paying working professionals, how can we hope to afford to subsidize low-income housing, or solutions for the homeless? How can we support an economy and the industries that call Los Angeles

home if people have no where to live and our landlords are essentially fighting to push us out? Thank you for hearing my comments. Sincerely, Danielle Deojay

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**Name:** home owner

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I just skimmed the final ordinance and noticed two things left out: Correct me if I am wrong. 1) There was a proposal stating that there was to be a 24/7 real time phone number to the owner of the airbnb for people to be able to contact the owner directly with problems. 2) There was also a city complaint hotline number to be used by neighbors with airbnb complaints. So who do we contact for complaints with an airbnb? Can you give me any further information on this? Why were they taken out?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Steve Mayer

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The administrative guidelines are deficient in: (1) There is no provision for enforcement on July 1st for illegal hosting in RSO units (2) There should be a penalty assessed July 1st for any hosting platform that does not "geo fence" (or the equivalent) for listings from RSO hosts (3) There should be a provision that if there is a high fire danger warning (i.e. in the hillsides), then reservations are immediately cancelled.