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Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 1:00 PM

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Please take note of my criticisms of the ordinance.

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It would be a real hassle to have to register with the planning dept. why put more bureaucracy into our lives. An easy online approach would be much easier.

The collection of transient occupancy tax should be handled by the home sharing platforms since they do that already .

I just share a bedroom in my home sporadically for a little bit of side money. It would be a major inconvenience to have to jump through all these hurdles

Sent from my iPhone



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Subject: CF#14-1635-S2, CPC-2016-1243-CA

Dear Mayor Garcetti, Councilmember Bonin, Honorable Friends on the Planning Commission, LA City Council and other associated agencies:

I have owned and lived alone in my small home in Venice for about 25 years. I am mostly retired from a life of teaching. I'll be 70 years old in a few months. The ability to share my home with guests from out of town through Airbnb has allowed me to make ends meet in my retirement years. I am so grateful to be able to remain in my community at this point in my life. Venice has changed radically during the time I have lived here. My favorite grocery stores have been replaced by expensive restaurants. My favorite clothing outlet has become a marijuana dispensary. Still, I love where I live and sharing life with my neighbors who have been here for 40-50 years. I also enjoy meeting the people who come through my home as guests from all corners of the world. My house would not be on the rental market if Airbnb did not exist or if the restrictions of this ordinance were to pass. I would just have to sell my home and move away. The 90 day limit on rentals would be a real hardship for me and other Airbnb hosts I know.

I am, of course, willing to pay whatever local taxes are deemed fair. I just hope that, in this difficult economy for many people, you can see the value that Airbnb has brought to me and many seniors in Los Angeles.

Yours truly,
Denise Kaufman
310 614 4483

June 2, 2016

To all distinguished members,

My name is Chantal and I own a home in Mar Vista since 2002. Our children were born in our home and it is very dear to us.

In 2008, we put it on the market as a long-term rental, sold our businesses and moved to the South of France, as my Ex Husband is French. A two-year experience, turned out to be four, as I was forced into an international divorce/custody battle that luckily led me back to California in 2012.

(side note: our first long term renter ended up trashing the place and did not pay rent for four months before we could get him out. We lost \$20,000 in revenue and repair, yet our next renter was great to be fair)

I arrived with my two children, our belongings, no job but luckily our home and the support of my Mom and Sister. After a year, we were back in our home but found it impossible to meet the demands of the mortgage, activities and expenses on my full time salary. I was working in order to make ends meet in a job that was far less in every way than the career I gave up before our departure to France. I found that my children and myself were very emotionally ravaged from that experience and I needed to have the time to be with them to help them to adjust to being back in LA, to heal their feelings about the separation of their parents and being so far from their dad.

Home Sharing was the answer for us as it gave me the freedom to be able to drop off and pick up my kids from school, join them in their activities, handle my own health issues that have come up since, and just be an overall less stressed parent and person. Home sharing is allowing people to stay in their homes, and not become another statistic on skid row or in the welfare system. It has allowed me discretionary income in which I can spend in my city restaurants and shops. It brings in guest who would not be able to afford the cost of Hotels, to come and spend money locally in our city as well. I paid two documented cleaning ladies over \$25,000 dollars last year, not to mention the monies I paid to handy men and contractors for the improvement and upkeep of my home. This home sharing is adding to the LA economy in so many ways.

I am all for regulations and paying taxes but I feel that us small homeowners are being punished for the greed of the management companies turning

entire complexes into short term rentals. These are the people you should be going after and shutting down.

I feel that a maximum of 2-3 rentals is reasonable as often it is somebody renting out 2-3 separate rooms in their house. Maybe they have a spare backhouse they like to keep for family and friends, or maybe they want to go on vacation two weeks and rent out their home. People have been doing this for generations and should have some rights as homeowners. Having a host on the property is fine but there are so many different scenarios that are legit and should be taken into consideration.

The 90 days is upsetting on so many levels. I as well as most host I know could not survive on the 90 days as it is not enough to keep the high cost of LA living in check. Often time a long-term renter is not an option. This would essentially shut down short term renting for most and squash a huge portion of the tourist business, not to mention the possible rise in foreclosures, homelessness and government financial assistance disbursements.

These are my thoughts and I do hope that you find a middle ground that will be less restrictive but benefit the city in revenue.

Thank you for your time,

Chantal



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Regarding CF#14-1635-S2

Dear Councilman Bonin, Planning Department, Planning Commission,

My name is Ken Hepburn and I have lived in the property I own in Venice for 16 years. I have paid well over \$100,000. in property taxes.

Being an artist and entrepreneur, I was hit hard by the 2008-2011 recession and nearly lost my home to foreclosure. Thankfully I received a mortgage modification.

Needless to say, the last few years have been extremely difficult, and I place much credit for my survival to Airbnb.

My current work as a consultant requires me to travel extensively, for weeks at a time. Airbnb allows me the flexibility to do this.

While there is considerable concern about 'affordable housing' in Los Angeles, the City Council needs to realize that for many homeowners like myself, Airbnb is what makes it affordable for me to stay in Los Angeles.

With that said I would like the Planning Department to reconsider the following items in the draft ordinance:

- 1) Remove the 90 day cap so I can continue to afford to live in my home.
- 2) Eliminate requirements for home sharing platforms and hosts to provide personal/user data to the city. This information should be protected and NOT be shared between city departments.

Without Airbnb, I would be forced to sell my modest Venice bungalow to one of the many developers who solicit me several times per month and claim that a new-construction on my lot would sell for over \$4,000,000.

Without Airbnb, Los Angeles, and Venice in particular, will lose another creative contributor to the community that the City Council claims they want to keep.

Thank you for your time to consider this matter and all the work you do on behalf of the people of Los Angeles.

Best,
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Dear LA City Planning Department and Planning Commission,

I'm writing to you to give you input about the Home Sharing Ordinance. I am a primary residence home sharer and ask you to reconsider the 90 day limit.

I have been a resident of Westwood since 1985. I was married back then, and now I am a single woman, trying to support my children and I am in need of supplemental income to be able to pay my living costs. I had a hard time to support myself with just a minimal part time bookkeeping job. Ever since my daughter left to NY to study, thanks to Airbnb I am able to cover my expenses.

I started sharing my daughter's room with the guests through Airbnb and it has been a lot of help that I can handle the rising costs of living now a days.

I've been able to pay my mortgage and I have been able to better support my daughter who is far away.

Almost all of my guests in the past couple of years have been affiliated with UCLA. They come here for internships, the UCLA Medical center for health issues, or UCLA Extension programs. It is convenient to them because it is affordable for them to be nearby UCLA.

Please consider people like me when you redraft the final legislation on home sharing. I urge you to remove the 90 day cap.

Attached please read the experience of one of my guests who was here to visit her daughter, a student of UCLA.

Regards,

Sheila Ohebsion