

May 30th, 2016

Re: Council file number: CF#14-1635-S2 -
Planning Commission file number: CPC-2016-1243-CA

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Yvonne Davies. I have been a Venice resident for 30 years and bought my home 18 years ago. I am married with twin 13 year old boys.

After my husband's construction company failed in 2009 because of the economic crisis, we lost everything we had, our retirement savings, investments, insurances and of course our once thriving business.

I began hosting on Airbnb in 2010 and am a Super Host. This means that I have been an exceptional and conscientious host with over 85% of my reviews being 5 stars. I rent out the front of my primary residence on average 2-3 days at a time, for about 300 days of the year. Hosting has allowed me to keep my home (which in 2010 was in foreclosure). It also means my 62 year old husband no long has to do heavy construction work. I work full time at minimum wage and volunteer part time in my community.

If the City limits my hosting to 90 days per year it would mean my income would be reduced dramatically and would ultimately mean I would have to sell my home and become one of the many thousands in LA searching for low income housing. I implore you to remove this limitation.

Also, I am extremely concerned about the complicated registration process being proposed. Under the current proposal I would have to take time off work to go to the planning department and city finance department to register my home. This would mean at least 2 days off my job (which I would not be paid for) and would cause my family immense hardship. I would appreciate your review of this process to make it an easy online application that can be completed at any time.

Please know that I welcome the registration of my home and have no problem paying any taxes due, but the 90 day limit and complicated registration process would have a devastating impact on me and my family. I urge the city planning department to review these proposals.

Thank you so much.

Yours sincerely

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