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5 February 2018

Hon. Jose Huizar, Chair; Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Mitchell Englander, Curren Price, Jr., and Bob Blumenfield, Members, Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: *CF-1635-S2 – Proposed Home Sharing (Short Term Rentals) Ordinance;  
Item 3 on 2/6/18 PLUM Committee meeting agenda*

Dear Chair Huizar and Members of the PLUM Committee:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a coalition of all 13 neighborhood and community councils in Council Districts 5 and 11. A supermajority of WRAC members (10 of 13) supports adoption of certain “essential provisions” in connection with any proposed City ordinance allowing short term rentals in presently prohibited zones, including:

- 1) **Establishment of an annual cap on the number of nights per host for short term rentals;** although WRAC members have taken varying positions on the actual number for the annual cap, we support the basic principle that such a cap should apply to *all hosts*; i.e., provision should not be made, via a CUP or other process, for individual hosts to receive permission to exceed the established annual cap.
- 2) **Requirement of proof of primary residence plus liability insurance for this specific use** (examples of proof of primary residence shall include utility bill, driver license and the like); WRAC members do not support “self-certification” of residence, which the City Planning Dept. has concluded may lead to “significant fraud and abuse” (CPC “Report Back” to PLUM Committee, 1/11/18, p. 7).
- 3) **Requirement that short term rental TOT receipts NOT go into the General Fund,** but instead be used to create a special enforcement/compliance unit specific to enforcing regulation of short term rentals.

To the extent the PLUM Committee is considering amendments to the currently proposed ordinance that might be contrary to our position on these essential provisions as indicated above, WRAC expresses its strong opposition. We strongly oppose any amendments that would allow individual hosts to: exceed the annual cap; or self-certify residency. We also oppose any diversion of TOT receipts to the General Fund or any diversion of the currently proposed allocation for enforcement of this ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Fitzsimmons", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Doug Fitzsimmons  
Chair, Westside Regional Alliance of Councils  
President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

cc:

Hon. Paul Koretz, Councilmember, CD 5

Hon. Mike Bonin, Councilmember, CD 11

Hon. Herb Wesson, Council President, CD 10

Hon. David Ryu, Councilmember, CD 4

Zina Cheng, Legislative Assistant, **w/request for filing in CF 14-1635-S2**

## Tomorrow's council meeting on Short-term Rentals

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**Kat Smith**

Feb 5, 2018 12:06 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

Dear Council Members,

70% of all rental units in LA fall under rent control/stabilization laws. If you preclude these renters from participating in the opportunities afforded to other Angelenos through STR hosting, you will unfairly discriminate against those who can least afford it.

Renters in LA (even those under the rent control laws) pay as much (and sometimes much more!) for their monthly rents as most people in this country pay for a home mortgage. Hosting has helped many stay in their homes as rental costs skyrocket. It has made it possible for me to I divide my time between coasts to help my elderly parents age in place.

What I have noticed that I believe should be prohibited is real estate companies buying up homes, units, and entire buildings to rent out short term. This is not homesharing. This is a hotel business. It undermines the community of hosts who are using the platform for its original purpose, and it surely harms the hotel business as well.

Please allow all renters to continue hosting to help them pay their rents. Please prohibit big companies from buying up LT rental housing to put on the STR market.

Thank you.

K. Smith

LA, CA 90272

## hello, regarding the short-term rental ordinance tomorrow

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**Nicolas Chartier**

Feb 5, 2018 4:53 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

To whom it may concern,

I agree that the position of many in our neighborhood is that these type of rentals should only be legal in single family homes when the owner is present and staying in the home during the rental period. There seems to be a strong feeling in our neighborhood that having an absentee owner renting out his or her home to short term hotel-like occupants will be detrimental to the character of our neighborhood.

Thanks

Nicolas Chartier

## AirBnB Policy in Lake Hollywood Estates

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**Tony Fisch**

Feb 5, 2018 6:44 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

I have been a property owner here for 18 years. I see no logical argument that short term renters need to be hosted by a home owner here. If there is any type of rental regardless of term the neighborhood is effected. Character of the neighborhood is of no relevance, or consequence, especially since the majority of home owners support the influx of tourism here under the Hollywood Sign.

No one has the right to tell home owners how to use Our properties. Those that argue that the character of this neighborhood is effected by absentee owner renting are self serving nimby hypocrites. Note. I have never rented out my hone

Please excuse the grammar. Apple auto correct gets it wrong from time to time.

Thank you.

Tony Fisch

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Lisa @ LAAC** <[lisa@la-arts-collective.com](mailto:lisa@la-arts-collective.com)>

Date: Mon, Feb 5, 2018 at 6:49 PM

Subject: short term rentals

To: [cityclerk@lacity.org](mailto:cityclerk@lacity.org)

Thank you for your thoughtful representation of our city-no easy task! I am asking for your support in this next hurdle for our city to tackle-Short Term Rental regulations. As a homeowner, business owner and life long Angeleno I have found Airbnb and short term rentals to be an asset to our communities and certainly a benefit in my own personal travels.

Please consider the proposal put forth from Airbnb- No CAP for on site OWNER hosts, include and encourage ADUs to solve our housing crisis, allow us to easily register our businesses (yes, I consider this a small-family business for my husband and me!) so the City can collect the taxes responsibly and my guests can continue the great LA experience that we provide!

I thank you for your time and efforts supporting our great City Of LA!

*Lisa Hamor*

Director

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