

August 4, 2017

The Honorable Members of the Planning, Land Use & Management Committee  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90014


Dear Chairman Huizar and Councilmembers Harris-Dawson, Blumenfield, Price, and Englander:

As President/CEO of Los Angeles Civil Rights Association and with retired Congress Woman Diane Watson, we write to you as advocates in support of a citywide ordinance to regulate the short-term rental industry in Los Angeles. We ask that you carefully consider the ramifications on our city's affordable housing stock. With limited affordable units, we must consider the importance of preserving our existing affordable housing stock and ensure reasonably priced units are used primarily as housing.

We also are concerned that an annual short-term rental cap, set too high, serves as an economic motivation for landlords and property owners to enter the short-term rental industry. We support those who can earn extra income by renting a room in their home, but we cannot support property owners running full-time businesses out of their homes at the expense of thousands of vulnerable families looking for affordable housing options.

New construction will always be an important component to any housing solution; however, we must regulate the short-term rental industry. Please implement a cap of 80 days or less, and prevent the loss of affordable units in the first place.

We urge you to consider vulnerable Angelenos who are doing their very best not to be homeless and keep them in the forefront of your thoughts. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
  
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