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Dear Councilman Bonin,

I'm lucky to own two homes on one property in Venice. I live in one with my family of four, and rent the other in order to afford living here.

For the past two years I have been renting through AirBnB. What I have found is a flow of mostly families coming to Venice from all over the world for vacations, weddings, college graduations, college searches and sometimes work. My house offers them their first view of Los Angeles. While here I suggest local restaurants, shops, experiences, public transportation and surf boards. They report back with high praise. I don't allow parties, that is stated in my profile, and I ask the guests to refrain from making noise outside after 9pm as my neighbors are close. The guests have always respected those rules.

If the city takes short term rentals away, what happens to these families who enjoy vacation by the sea with a full kitchen and laundry? Something they would not get in a hotel, nor could they afford. Does the city not want their business any longer? And what about the 14% hotel tax they are charged? I imagine the city would definitely miss that.

If I am no longer allowed to rent as a short term rental, I will need to rent longterm. This puts me in a tough situation as short term rentals allow my relatives to stay when they need to and at any moment we may need to move an elderly parent in. If I am renting longterm, I would be obligated to a lease and would lose this flexibility

I strongly urge you to support short term rentals.

Sincerely,

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