Councilmember Huizar and PLUM Committee Members,

It's come to my wife and I's attention that you are discussing changes to how short-term rentals are managed in Los Angeles.

We own a home in Silver Lake. We very much about our neighborhood, participate in our Neighborhood Watch group, and help out our neighbors whenever we can. We have an in-law suite connected to our home and rent it out through Airbnb. It's registered and generated $1,000's in taxes for the city as a result of our rental activity. We use the income to help us afford childcare for our 1-year-old daughter and to help offset the cost of our mortgage. Without this income, it would be very difficult to afford the house we call home and if anything it provided us an opportunity to own vs. rent ourselves. We also enjoy being the stewards of Los Angeles for visitors from all over the world and help them while they're here feel a part of our community.

We don't understand all of the changes put forward in the proposed ordinance because it does have what feels like a lot of legalese, but what we do understand is that the ordinance, if passed, would limit our ability to rent out our unit more than 180 days a year. This would have a significant impact on our livelihoods and may result in us reconsidering being homeowners in LA in general. As you all know, affordability is a serious concern and this directly impacts our ability to afford to be Angelenos. We also cannot appreciate the supposed negative impact that is suspected from renting our little in-law suite 196, 280, or even 181 days vs. the proposed 180 days. To us, each additional day helps us keep our daughter happy and healthy, a roof over our family, and a vehicle to share Los Angeles with visitors to our community.

We would each be happy to discuss this more with any of you if so desired and strongly encourage you to remove the 180-day limit.

Thank you for listening to our concerns and representing your constituents best interests.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Warm Regards,

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