

Council File 14-1635-S2

Judy Esposito

Oct 21, 2017 9:13 AM

Posted in group: Clerk-PLUM-Committee

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If short-term rentals are to be allowed, support should be given for as short a period of time possible: 30 days/year.

**Thank you,
Judy Esposito**

Venice, CA.

Llewellyn Woods

Oct 21, 2017 9:18 AM

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

Keep neighbors safe from scams if you can understand that everyone is not able and capable also some kind of mental illness that's a big problem so we have to work around in a neighborhood where some the folks just don't care they have filthy ways but a fellow man like me try to work around it try to stay pleasant for some of the good neighborhood I'm very resourceful but the people who make it bad for good people like me you have the age of 21 to 70 years old give all kind of mental problems that's when I step in I found a way how to end a lot of the crap outta our safe environment 😊

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Jack Jackels

Oct 21, 2017 9:20 AM

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

Dear Councilmembers, I live next door to an duplex that is renting on a short term basis. Daily and weekly rentals are illegal and not zoned for str in my area. The government is allowing illegal rentals causing serious consequences by not regulating the infractions . By allowing these illegal rentals causing great harm to neighborhoods and those of us who have to live next door changing our quality of life and causing adversarial relationships pitting neighbor against neighbor By not enforcing the law . Is big business encouraging the government to look the other way ? Jj

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Jessica Kase

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Jessica Kase
Venice beach

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Heather Siegel

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heather siegel
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Michael Lohr

Oct 21, 2017 10:16 AM

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

In reference to 14-1635-S2

I fully support the measure to allow short term rentals such as AirBnB

Michael Lohr
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Los Angeles, Calif. 90068

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Karen Brodtkin

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Thank you,
Karen Brodtkin
Venice, CA

Short-term rentals

Alan Epstein

Oct 21, 2017 10:43 AM

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

As a 38-year resident of the City of Los Angeles, currently living in Brentwood, I am strongly opposed to the proposed 180-day cap on short-term rentals of single family homes. Some ability to generate supplemental income makes sense, but in my view the cap should be something closer to 30-45 days.

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Diane Weiss

Oct 21, 2017 12:00 PM

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Natasha Ward

Oct 21, 2017 1:09 PM

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

Dear Councilmembers,

We are writing to oppose the City Planning Commission recommendation to allow short term rentals of up to 180 days/year/property.

That is literally 3-4 nights a week-which is how it operates now-rented Thursday-Sunday.

That ordinance does not alleviate the problem.

That ordinance goes against the spirit of an R-1 neighborhood.

Which is where we chose to buy our HOME.

We paid more for our home, in order to live in a R-1 SINGLE FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD!

We did not buy a house in an R-1 neighborhood, to have a "quasi hotel" next to us, with no supervision.

If this is voted in, we are no longer in an ACTUAL R-1- since designation that does not allow rentals under 30 days.

These "whole house" short term rentals, belong only in commercial districts and multiple unit areas.

The main problem with Airbnb, is not that people rent out a room in THEIR HOME ..

The problem is when they rent the WHOLE HOUSE, for less than 30 days and owners are not there!

We do not oppose the short term rental of one room, as in **BED N BREAKFAST**, like the name implies.

Our objection is WHOLE HOUSE SHORT TERM RENTAL, IN A SINGLE FAMILY R-1 NEIGHBORHOOD.

For example, these are our past experiences:

We have lived with AirBnB rentals near us for a many years..

Every few days, new guests arrive to "Party in Hollywood".

Sometimes it was quiet all evening, then at 2am - the after party is at the AirBnB - till 5am.

We repeatedly called the offsite owners. We also called police-who do not have time to show up.

The owners apologized, but next night, it was the same situation.

We would call repeatedly, and nothing changed-since the owner was not there.

There would be a day of quiet, while the place is cleaned, then the cycle would start all over again.

We literally could not sleep 4-5 nights a week, for 2 years.

Other times, people arrived mid day and start a loud party on the balcony screaming and playing loud music all day.

Currently, that one particular house, has a monthly tenant and the problems are minimal neighbor type noise.

Unfortunately, there are other Airbnb properties, that now are repeating that same disruptive cycle.

Please do not confuse this with the party house issue... That is a whole different problem .

What we are referring to is short term, whole house rental-to multiple people.

These people don't care who they disturb.. in our R-1 neighborhood.

These people come to party in the Hollywood Hills, as they think that is what it is all about.

They do not even have large parties, just rude behavior, illegal parking, drunken screams over loud music at all hours.

The police are no help, since they are busy with serious crime.

There need to be strict rules, that are actually enforced.

(Not like the blower ordinance and current noise ordinances-that the understaffed police have no time for)

There needs to be inspectors and large monetary fines for non compliance.

Property owners should have to be present, at all times.

Proof of ownership should be required, in order to sign up to be an AirBnB host - that way people do not rent out multiple properties, to only sublet on Airbnb.

There needs to be a one property limit, per person, as in **the Airbnb host has to be there..**

After all they cannot be in two places at once.

Currently, some houses rent to so many "guests", that they are literally like a 24-7 house party.

There needs to be limits, on how many rooms in one home, can be rented at a time.

There is not enough parking in my neighborhood for multiple guests and their cars.

These guests, ignore no parking signs, block driveways.

Not to mention, impairing the ability of emergency vehicles, to access the narrow streets.

If someone wants to rent a room or two in their HOME-while they are present-no problem .

There should be NO WHOLE HOUSE, SHORT TERM (Less than 30 days) RENTALS, PERIOD.

We do not want even "part time" (180 days) businesses, operating in my R-1 SINGLE FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD, PERIOD.

Thank you for your time.

We hope you will consider the homeowners, who have invested their life savings into their homes.

We are entitled to the peace and quiet that is a true R1 single family neighborhood.

Natasha & Liam Ward

18 year residents of the Hollywood Hills, 90068.

Sent from my iPhone

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Raymond Klein

Oct 21, 2017 3:03 PM

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Thank you,
ROBERTA KLEIN
CD 11

Google Groups

Shelly Wolf

Oct 21, 2017 3:22 PM

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

I strongly oppose any expansion of privileges in Los Angeles for the AirBnB company. My neighborhood has always existed for homes and long term rentals. Hotel companies like AirBnB should stay in areas zoned for hotels.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Wolf

600 Tuallitan Road

Los Angeles, CA 90049

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Nolie Fishman

Oct 21, 2017 5:00 PM

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

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose short-term rentals as much too lenient. Our safety and peace of mind would be seriously challenged.

Nolie Fishman
132 North Layton Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90049

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Donna Grillo

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I live next door to a Home Away rental and it's awful. My privacy has been completely taken over by these short term renters. There are strangers looking in my windows and talking loud and disturbing me. It's not right or fair to me. I pay a fortune in rent every month yet it's like I live next door to a flop house full of transients. They've even asked to borrow things from me and a few of them have been perverts that stared at me and touched themselves. Please protect the residents of our city!

Please stop this insanity. Our city already has a shortage of decent places to live. Please don't make it worse by allowing these businesses to ruin our neighborhoods.

Thanks

Donna Grillo
1959 N. Kenmore ave.
Los Angeles, Ca 90027

"Instead of making up excuses for why something is impossible, it's far better to come up with reasons why it could be possible. One reason why is more powerful than all the reasons why not."

- Jackson Kiddard

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Amy

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Residents will be living next to a hotel . Many vacationers do not keep the same hours as people who want to be able to go to bed at 11 and sleep through the night.

The owner must provide a phone number which they will answer to neighbors, so that they can be required to take on the role of a hotel manager. If renters are disturbing residents the owner must end it ASAP. The non emergency police number is not effective.

Thank you,
Amy Kafton
District 4

Sent from my iPad

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

From: **Ofir Waintraub** <owaintraub1@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Oct 21, 2017 at 8:59 PM

Subject: Proposed Airbnb regulations- did you even ask the People if thats what they want?

To: jose.huizar@lacity.org, Councilmember.Huizar@lacity.org.

CityClerk@lacity.org, Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org, Councilmember.Price@lacity.org

, Councilmember.Harris-Dawson@lacity.org, Councilmember.Blumenfield@lacity.org

Hello public elected,

I am reaching out directly to you in order to express my outrage, as a caring citizen of this city that pay you taxes, in regards to your intentions to interfere with the business of the sharing economy.

Aren't you supposed to be working for the people? To encourage the distribution of wealth throughout the city, support local business and etc.? Because it really doesn't seem that you do. Why would you decide for people how much they can make and limit them? Why would you make this city continue loosing money? Let it thrive! Why making people's lives harder each and everyday. Is this what you are elected for? To promote more regulations, more forms, more taxes, more obstacles in people's ways?

Investing in a train that no one rides and doesnt make sense is just one example of how weird decisions are made (it takes forever to ride your train from one side of town to the other, why would anyone ride it?), making sure Toyota relocates it's offices from LA to Dallas (and many good citizens are leaving CA to Texas these days, btw if you haven't noticed), getting more people into the unemployment circle and the list goes on- are you blind? Don't you see that this city is in pain and the trend is already negative?

I bag you to stop hurting your own citizens and neighbors- we have to start doing things that make sense and work. Let people work, make money, pay less taxes, and- let tourists stay throughout the city- and not only where big hotels are located. Please- we must stop hard working people from moving out of this great city- encourage them to stay. Let's work for the 99% of us, and not the 1%.

Thank you,
David.

To: Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Re: Council File 14-1635-S2

Dear Committee Members:

I am a homeowner in an R-1 neighborhood of predominately moderate-sized, one-story houses in Venice. Three doors from my house is a recently-built two-story house that is currently listed for daily rentals on the Airbnb website. The house has a very large roof deck with an outdoor barbecue and guests frequently gather there, and I can hear the noise they generate from inside my house. Guests often play music, and this noise carries all around the neighborhood, disturbing residents' peace and quiet. Guests also gather at the house's pool and spa area and hold parties that create a neighborhood nuisance.

The neighbors directly next door to this house have complained to the Department of Building Safety, the Police Department, the city attorney's neighborhood prosecutor, the office of Councilman Mike Bonin, and even Airbnb, all to no avail. In fact, they were told by a building inspector that while the renting of the house for a term shorter than 30 days violates city ordinance, this law is nearly impossible to enforce. As a result, the house continues to function as a de facto hotel, with people coming and going, creating traffic issues, and generally being a nuisance in a quiet residential neighborhood.

I am also aware of the fact that rent-controlled apartment buildings in Venice have been turned into short term rental properties without permits and public hearings. As a former staff member of a non-profit housing corporation, I am very aware of the critical need for affordable housing in Venice and elsewhere, and allowing apartment building owners to turn their properties in short term rentals does serious harm to the community.

Any ordinance governing short term rentals must address these issues and protect residential neighborhoods and the existing supply of affordable housing. Those of us afflicted by these illegal short term rentals don't object to an on-site homeowners being able to supplement their income by renting units on their properties for a reasonable period of time. However, absentee owners and companies should not be able to reap profits this way to the detriment of neighborhoods.

Most importantly, any ordinance regulating short term rentals must be enforceable, and the city must be willing to expend the resources needed for that enforcement.

Sincerely,

Dennis Hathaway