

Council File 14-1635-S2

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to oppose the City Planning Commission recommendation to allow short term rentals of up to 180 days/year/property. I am concerned that too many permanent housing units are being and will be converted into short-term rentals which take full houses and apartments off an already tight rental housing market.

Short term rentals where residents are not present also tend to destabilize neighborhood security with strangers coming and going at all hours. True homesharing has been overtaken by those who run short-term rental businesses turning homes and apartments into hotels throughout Los Angeles aided by online platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO. These platforms are heavily lobbying City Hall and have only to gain should the City pass a liberal ordinance legalizing short-term rentals operated by absentee landlords over long periods of time (such as the proposed 180 days).

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,
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