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Hello Los Angeles City Council,

I live in the Nirvana Apartment Building at 1775 N. Orange Drive. It's a 43 unit building in the heart of Hollywood close to the Red Line train and major bus routes. It's a rent control building that has been turned into an Airbnb short term rental hotel by the owner Alan Nissel (Wilshire Skyline).

There are approximately 6 full time 'actual tenants' left in our building and the other 30 + apartments are rented out to people for a week at a time, some staying longer.

1. We have NO live in building manager – just a sign on a door on the first floor professing to be the building manager's apartment, but *no one* lives there. **We have not had a live in building manager since March of 2016**
2. NO heat. **The heat was turned off in February of 2016**, the owner cited repairs which were never made. As far as I know I am the only person who complained to the City Building Inspector and got a small wall unit heater installed. I also use two space heater as the wall heater is seriously inadequate in our old building.
3. **Strangers coming and going day and night**; consequently all manner of people have the access code to our supposed security locked building. People on the street have the access code and enter at will to go through our recycling bins.
4. **Garbage** frequently deposited all over the building, in the lobby, the hallways and basement by the short term 'tenants'.

Please tell me why a property owner who owns dozens of buildings in Los Angeles has the right to turn an apartment building into a hotel. It's pure greed, and where are the people who live and work in Los Angeles supposed to call home as people are increasingly pushed out of their apartment buildings? I live in a prime location to take advantage of public transportation to get me to and from work, but apparently tourists needs are far more important now than the long-term residents of this city.

My building and my street used to be a community but now that sense of community is shattered.

Sincerely,

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