Dear Councilman Bonin,
I have opposed STR in my neighborhood of Playa Del Rey for many reason but most prominently for how it has disrupted my community with constant transients coming and going, the eviction of 13 close neighbors who were wrongly evicted (in violation of the Ellis Act and the City’s Rent Stabilization Ordinance), for the continuous illegal STR surrounding my home and no means of citing nor convicting by the City, for the increased crime and shortage of parking, and because our local hotels are taking a direct hit from competing STR whom are paying no TOT taxes and get away without rules nor regulations. STR has been tearing this community apart.

One local resident, Maria Reye’s is a perfect example of a home owner who does STR for means of income, despite it being illegal. Every since my neighbor, Jan Haagen, and I have been vocal with our opposition, we have had an onslaught of both verbal and online abuse from Maria. Her ranting and late night, incoherent drunken outbursts have resulted in irreparable damage to friendships and is causing a community separation. Her recent letter addressed to you was misrepresentative of her Association, which does not approve STR and the president, Mr. Bob Hughes, was unaware of the letter she sent to you and does not agree with her views. Maria is an unstable character who bullies the opposition with threats, lies, and gossip. Below please find a recent Facebook post that she spread to our entire community!

![Facebook post](https://example.com)

STR and the platforms that offer this illegal activity in Los Angeles are destroying our housing market, hotel stability, and communities throughout the city.

- Airbnb has pledged not to give individual information of hosts, thereby making any enforcement of STR impossible. (Airbnb Community Compact, 11/2015)
- In Los Angeles 7316 units were taken of the market in 10/2014 (LAANE,8/24/15)
- Venice: 12% of all housing has become illegal STR (LAANE,8/24/15)
- Commercial Airbnb activity costs LA renters more than $464 million in increased rent annually (LAANE,8/24/15)
- STR removes 11 rental unit/day (LAANE,8/24/15)
- In Venice, commercial STR is equal to 7x the number of new housing units thus removing rental units from the market at an alarming rate. (LAANE,8/24/15)
• High cost of housing has created a significant drag on job creation in LA. Causing fewer rental units, a drag on job creation, reduction in tax revenue (LAANE 3/2015)
• 50% of Airbnb revenue is in established tourist districts (LAANE 3/2015)
• Landlords are evicting or bullying tenants to convert units to STR, thereby making Rent Control Ordinance (RSO) ineffective. STRs are resulting in extreme rent increases, pricing some long term residents out of their communities. Properties are being bought and renovated solely for STR use, further exacerbating an existing housing shortage.

Please take all the above reasons into consideration and keep STR illegal.

Thank you.
Lucy Han