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**Fwd: We need you to contact Councilmember Huizar's office in support of not limiting number of allowed days for STR's**


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Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 8:13 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**From: **Jesse Nelson- LASTRA Community Organizer** <Jesse@la-stra.org>

Date: Fri, Apr 14, 2017 at 8:03 AM

Subject: We need you to contact Councilmember Huizar's office in support of not limiting number of allowed days for STR's

To: Sharon Dickinson &lt;sharon.dickinson@lacity.org&gt;



Friends and Allies,

Now is the time!

We NEED letters to Councilmember Huizar's office and we need them now. The opposition is showing up in droves. They are calling the Councilmember's office. They are sending in letters. They are making noise and they are making it loud. In addition, the hotel industry (which has been against short-term rentals from the beginning) has the money, the power, and the numbers to support the opposition. We need to make noise and we need to make it now. If we lose this, it will be a devastating setback that take years to remedy.

So I urge you. Please. Call Councilmember Huizar's office. Write and send letters. Ask your friends, your family, your neighbors. We NEED to move to increase the number of days, not decrease them. I cannot stress this enough. If you are a host or anyone whose business benefits from short term rentals, this is your time. If you have sat back idly; merely watching and spectating, this is your time. We need your voices. We need the collective strength that you represent. The strength that we are so capable of exercising and demonstrating.

Please do not be afraid. If we lose this, the outcome is likely to be far scarier than anything that could come of you exercising your natural human right. Your voice is your strength. Your voice is your gift. Do not waste this gift, for consequences will surely follow. So please act. Please act now.

Call Councilmember Huizar's office at: 213.473.7014

Email him your letters in support of STR's to: [councilmember.huizar@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.huizar@lacity.org), be sure to include the Council File Number: 14-1635-S2 on your letter & CC it to LA City Clerks Etta Armstrong & Sharon Dickinson at: [etta.armstrong@lacity.org](mailto:etta.armstrong@lacity.org), [sharon.dickinson@lacity.org](mailto:sharon.dickinson@lacity.org). Also please forward your letter to me at [jesse@la-stra.org](mailto:jesse@la-stra.org).

Sincere and Best Regards,  
Jesse Nelson- LASTRA Community Organizer

<http://www.la-stra.org/>



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### Fwd: Vacation rentals

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**Sharon Dickinson**

Apr 19, 2017 8:28 AM

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

From: **Deborah Blum** <dblum@me.com>  
Date: Mon, Apr 17, 2017 at 2:41 AM  
Subject: Vacation rentals  
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org  
Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember Huizar,

I'm writing now to give you another perspective about what homesharing through Airbnb and VRBO has meant for me and my family.

I see it as a win-win, not only for the finances of our household, but also for the pleasure and comfort we are able to give to the families who stay in our Guesthouse.

We are past retirement age and would not be able to afford the mortgage, property tax and utility payments each month if it were not for these vacation rentals. Nor would our guests - who come with children - be able to enjoy the kind of vacations they can experience by staying on our property. Hotel rooms, while right for some, do not provide the kind of setting that many families are seeking.

When you vote on this zoning amendment, I hope you will consider the well-being of your constituents who depend on this very positive and honorable means of supplementing our incomes.

Sincerely,

Deborah Blum

*Council File Number: 14-1635-S2*

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**Fwd: Protect Homesharing Council File #14-1635-S2**

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Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 8:28 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**From: **HENRY LEONEL GARCIA** <garcia1777@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Fri, Apr 14, 2017 at 10:25 PM

Subject: Protect Homesharing Council File #14-1635-S2

To: "councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org" <councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org" <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, "councilmember.fuentes@lacity.org" <councilmember.fuentes@lacity.org>, "councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org" <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, "councilmember.price@lacity.org" <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, "councilmember.wesson@lacity.org" <councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, "councilmember.bonin@lacity.org" <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, "councilmember.englander@lacity.org" <councilmember.englander@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, "councilmember.huizar@lacity.org" <councilmember.huizar@lacity.org>, "councildistrict15@lacity.org" <councildistrict15@lacity.org>, "david.ryu@lacity.org" <david.ryu@lacity.org>

Cc: "sharon.dickinson@lacity.org" <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>, "etta.armstrong@lacity.org" <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>

Councilmember Mr. Mike Bonin:

I am writing you to ask you to help write a clear and fair legislation regarding home sharing. I have a family to keep up with. My wife Lily suffers from diabetes and she has been through 3 eye surgeries. Obviously, it is a big life changing experience. The impact in our home has been big. I decided to start home sharing to support all expenses that now are only based on my income. I am thankful for homesharing since it helps me to stay current with all expenses. Airbnb has been a tool I can use to get extra income and provide what my family needs. Also, it has been great securing my home mortgage.

Airbnb has been giving me another opportunity which I appreciate. I have seen the big impact for the city of Los Angeles too. Not only for the neighborhood where I live, but for all type of business which include taxis, airport shuttles, restaurants, metro lines. Airbnb has been also great for people seeking medical attention, or institutions where they can study. Overall, homesharing brings jobs to the table and income to our city.

Please consider my story. I am part of Los Angeles and I live in Los Angeles. I am a father providing for my family.  
Sincerely,  
Henry Garcia.

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### **Fwd: Short- term rental restriction / Council File Number: 14-1635-S2 4/14/17**

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**Sharon Dickinson**

Apr 19, 2017 8:30 AM

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

From: **Robert Greene** <krjm5@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Apr 14, 2017 at 8:24 AM

Subject: Short- term rental restriction / Council File Number: 14-1635-S2 4/14/17

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org

Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, Joanie Pearson <cmpplust@gmail.com>

To : Councilmember Huizar

Re: Short- term rental restrictions

Dear Councilmember Huizar,

Short-term rentals allow many in Los Angeles to earn income. These activities also support numerous other related entities and individuals. This is true in Los Angeles and other cities in the US and the world

Therefore restrictions on the number of days allowed for short- term rentals must not be restricted. We need to move to increase the number of days, not decrease them.

Please listen to the people !

Thank you

R Greene  
Sherman Oaks, CA

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**Fwd: PLEASE SUPPORT SHORT TERM RENTALS - 14-1635-S2**

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Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 8:31 AM

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

From: **mia mcglynn** <miamgm@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Apr 14, 2017 at 9:47 AM  
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT SHORT TERM RENTALS - 14-1635-S2  
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org  
Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

*Dearest Council Member Huizar,*

*Short term rentals have changed my life. It saved me from the last housing crisis. My property taxes are huge. How is it possible that others want to control who can stay in my home?*

*PLEASE support us with this cause.*

*Best,*

*Mia*

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### Fwd: Council file number 14-1635-S2 regarding Short Term Rentals

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**Sharon Dickinson**

Apr 19, 2017 8:33 AM

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

From: <wcrimp@aol.com>  
Date: Fri, Apr 14, 2017 at 10:21 AM  
Subject: Council file number 14-1635-S2 regarding Short Term Rentals  
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org  
Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember Huizar --

Please do not limit the number of days that an STR may be rented. Many times people rent STRs because they have a full kitchen, etc. and they can do a mixture of cooking at home and eating out. For example -- in the past most of my STR rentals have been for 2-3 weeks because that would be a really long time to stay at a hotel and eat out 3 meals a day. I have also had STR rentals to people who are moving from one apt to another and they have a gap with no housing that is not over a month but is a few weeks. So there is a lot of utility to providing flexibility in this area. This initiative would adversely impact visitors to the area as they would be forced to stay out of the city in order to find affordable alternatives and commute. Likely they would also result in lower tax revenues for the city and lower revenues for local businesses.

Thanks for your consideration. I support Short Term Rentals as a viable alternative to visiting our area.

*Wendy*

Wendy R. Crimp BSN, MBA, CPHQ

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## Fwd: Short Term Rental 14-1635-S2

Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 8:34 AM

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

From: **Pamela Tinsley** <mspamelatinsley2@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Apr 14, 2017 at 1:21 PM  
Subject: Short Term Rental 14-1635-S2  
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org  
Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember Huiz, I am voicing my support of Short Term Rental. Please do not vote to restrict or limit the number of days in the year people may engage as long as they are abiding by the current laws.

Pamela Tinsley



*Pamela Tinsley*  
Broker Associate

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**Fwd: council file number 14-1635-s2**

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**Sharon Dickinson**

Apr 19, 2017 8:47 AM

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

From: **Liz Baxter** <lizbaxter420@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Apr 14, 2017 at 3:28 PM  
Subject: council file number 14-1635-s2  
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org  
Cc: sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, etta.armstrong@lacity.com

Councilmember Huizar,

We **NEED** to move to increase the number of days for short term rentals, not decrease them. I cannot stress this enough. As a host I am bringing business benefits to the community.

Sincerely

Liz Baxter

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### Fwd: In Support of STRs

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Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 8:51 AM

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

From: **lino wiehen** <lino@wiehen.com>  
Date: Sat, Apr 15, 2017 at 11:28 AM  
Subject: In Support of STRs  
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org  
Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, Jesse Nelson- LASTRA Community Organizer <Jesse@la-stra.org>

*14-1635-S2*

Dear Councilmember Huizar,

We have been running a STR for several years in an apartment above our garage on our property where we also live in Venice. It has helped us pay bills when I lost my job a year ago. We would not be able to afford living here without it. Our guests visit Venice Beach, restaurants in our area and use our bikes to explore the area. There are not enough hotels in the area to support the visitors here in venice.

Please allow the full year instead of just 180 days rentals.

Make it easier to pay taxes directly through the rental sites so everyone can easily contribute their tax - force Airbnb and Homeaway to make these changes as many other cities have already done. There are so many illegal rental spaces AND str's on the market, reducing the days to 180 will only make for enforcement issues and not solve the rental crisis, If more people like us are forced to sell, more developers will buy up properties and build yet more unaffordable luxury apartments forcing longtime residents out of this area.

I live in venice and vote.

regards,  
Lino Wiehen  
310-804-7492

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**Fwd: Landscape: STRACA continues its efforts to bring reasonable STR regulations to the state**

Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 8:51 AM

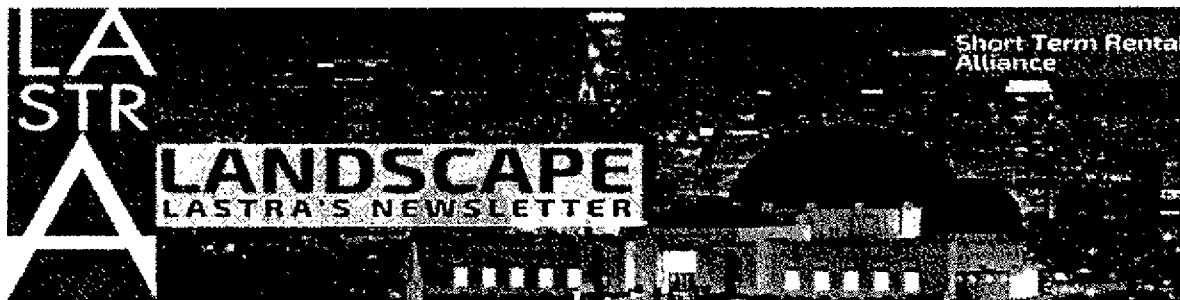
Posted in group: Clerk-PLUM-Committee

From: Los Angeles Short Term Rental Alliance (LASTRA) &lt;frankb@la-stra.org&gt;

Date: Mon, Apr 17, 2017 at 10:11 AM

Subject: Landscape: STRACA continues its efforts to bring reasonable STR regulations to the state

To: Sharon Dickinson &lt;sharon.dickinson@lacity.org&gt;

**STRACA continues its efforts to bring reasonable STR regulations to the state****STRACA joins forces with other STR advocates at the Pasadena Planning Commission Meeting**

STRACA joined forces with Airbnb & the Pasadena Home Sharing Network at the Pasadena Planning Commission meeting this last Wednesday. In attendance at the meeting were STRACA Executive Director, Robert St. Genis, Jesse Nelson (LASTRA Community Organizer), John Choi from Airbnb &

David Loughnot was from Vacasa. This draft ordinance is suddenly being pushed through because of the upcoming music festival this summer. The numerous speakers from the Pasadena group made it clear those dates were already booked. The commission felt raced and that it was irresponsible to make an ordinance to address a single event.

***The Planning Commission made the following recommendations to the City Council:***

- Proposed regulations would allow both hosted and un-hosted home sharing, but would prohibit vacation rentals (secondary homes)
- **Hosted Stay** - A home-sharing activity whereby the host remains on-site throughout the guest's stay (except during daytime and/or work hours). Required criteria for hosted stays include:
  - Dwelling must be the primary residence of the host
  - Permitted in single-family residences, condominiums, and townhomes
  - Also allowed in accessory dwelling units and accessory structures legally permitted as sleeping quarters and constructed before January 1, 2017, which are considered subordinate to the main structure or primary residence on-site. (e.g. carriage house or granny flat that is detached and subsequent to the main house)
  - Not permitted in multi-family rental units (i.e. apartment buildings)
- **Un-Hosted Stay** - A home-sharing activity whereby the host remains off-site during the guest's stay. Required criteria for un-hosted stays include:
  - Dwelling must be the primary residence of the host
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    - Not permitted in multi-family rental units (i.e. apartment buildings)
    - Limit of 10 bookings/year to a maximum of 60 days/year
    - Must retain a local contact person or property management company that is available 24 hours/day
- Key provisions of the short-term rental regulations include:
  - Occupancy limit based on size of home: 2 guests per bedroom plus 2 additional guests

- Cannot be used for any commercial parties or events (Note: This would not prevent a guest from using the short-term rental to entertain during their stay, but is only intended to prevent an STR from becoming a "party house.")
- Parking for all guests to be provided on-site
  - No signs can be posted on the exterior of the home advertising the short-term rental use
  - Must adhere to the City's Noise Ordinance and Litter Ordinance

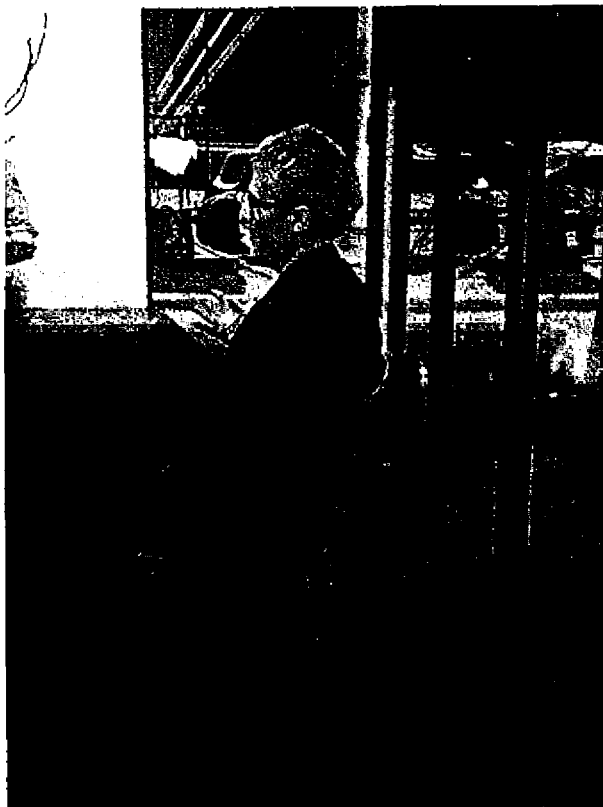
The Pasadena City Council is expected to discuss the recommendations of the Planning Commission at their upcoming meeting on April 24th. Read the full Planning Commission Report here.

**STRACA's 2nd Annual Better Hosting Event was a great success**

STRACA's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Better Hosting Event was a great success. Although it was a more smaller audience than last year, the attendees at our event were a very engaged group that made our first second annual event one for the books. We would like to thank our hosts over at SKURT for being gracious enough to host this event for two years running. We would also like to thank our presenters, Jessica Young (Craft Home Design) & new STRACA member, Stephen Danelian (Nextgen Concierge). Lastly, we would like to thank Kerry Herschberg of Check-In LA for being a driving force in helping us make all of our events a success throughout the year. Stay tuned for the invitation for STRACA's Kick Off Event on May 7th!

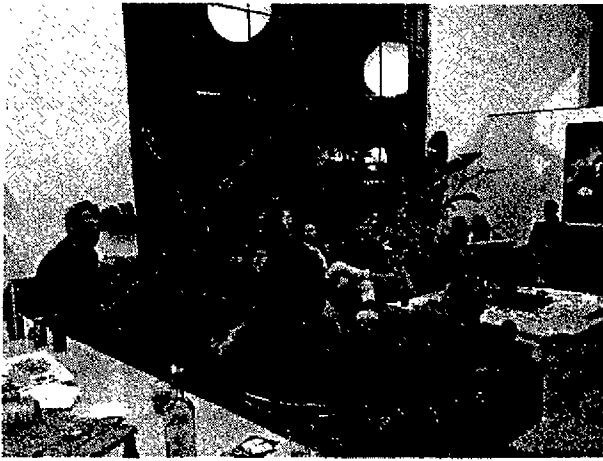


LASTRA Community Organizer, Jesse Nelson checking in guests for the event at the front desk at SKURT



New STRACA Member, Stephen Danelian of Nextgen Concierge, addressing the attendees of our 2nd Annual Better Hosting Event

Room view of the attendants engaging in discussion



### ***STRACA Blog Feature: Is the Coastal Act the key to defeating short term rental bans?***

In a recent blog post, STRACA Paralegal Consultant, Elizabeth Murphy, questions the role that the Coastal Act may play in defeating the increasing trend of banning all short term rentals that is plaguing our states coastal cities (Hermosa Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Manhattan Beach, etc.). Her blog opens with:

As many of our members know, STRACA/LASTRA is following an increasing number of lawsuits challenging local ordinances that ban short term rentals (STRs). As the number of lawsuits grows, we are seeing a common thread among many of them, and that is, seeking to defeat the bans based on the regulations imposed on local municipalities by the California Coastal Act. The arguments plaintiffs are making include: a city's failure to file a Local Coastal Plan (LCP); failing to obtain a Coastal Development Permit (CDP); and failing to file an amendment to existing LCPs. All of these are required under the Coastal Act and are administered by the California Coastal Commission. Cities are giving it their all to fight back. We can't help but watch the unfolding lawsuits with bated breath to see if the Coastal Act will prove to be the law that saves STRs in California.

Her blog goes on to explain how these lawsuits could unfold in our favor. Read her full blog here: [www.straca.org/is\\_the\\_coastal\\_act\\_the\\_key\\_to\\_defeating\\_str\\_bans](http://www.straca.org/is_the_coastal_act_the_key_to_defeating_str_bans)

### **Continue to send in your letters to LA Councilmember Huizar's Office in support of STR's**

We NEED to continue letters to Councilmember Huizar's office and we need them now. The opposition is showing up in droves. They are calling the Councilmember's office. They are sending in letters. They are making noise and they are making it loud. In addition, the hotel industry (which has been against short-term rentals from the beginning) has the money, the power, and the numbers to support the opposition. We need to make noise and we need to make it now. If we lose this, it will be a devastating setback that take years to remedy.

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**Email him your letters in support of STR's to: [councilmember.huizar@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.huizar@lacity.org), be sure to include the Council File Number: 14-1635-S2 on your letter & CC it to LA City Clerks Etta Armstrong & Sharon Dickinson at: [etta.armstrong@lacity.org](mailto:etta.armstrong@lacity.org), [sharon.dickinson@lacity.org](mailto:sharon.dickinson@lacity.org). Also please forward your letter to Jesse Nelson at [jesse@la-stra.org](mailto:jesse@la-stra.org).**

This campaign has gained good traction and letters of support are starting to flood the councilmember's office (see example of letters sent to Huizar on our blog post here) let's keep this momentum moving!

### **Join LASTRA in opposing California State Assembly Bill 1506**

A statewide assembly bill that could very much wound an already precarious affordable housing situation is on the table. Assembly Bill 1506 (AB 1506), has been proposed in order to repeal the Costa-Hawkins Act of 1995, which will allow municipal governments to implement any and all

rules they deem fit related to rent stabilization or rent control. You may read more at: [www.la-stra.org/join\\_lastra\\_in\\_opposing\\_california\\_state\\_assembly\\_bill\\_1506](http://www.la-stra.org/join_lastra_in_opposing_california_state_assembly_bill_1506).

We urge you to call or email your state assemblymember now and tell them to oppose AB 1506. You may find your assemblymember and their contact information here: <http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>

*Please share any letters (emails) you may send along with any questions, comments or concerns to LASTRA Community Organizer, Jesse Nelson at [jesse@la-stra.org](mailto:jesse@la-stra.org).*

### **Help LASTRA Successfully complete its Community Organization Fundraising Drive**

In the last week our community organization efforts have included:

- Began a letter writing campaign in support of short term rentals to LA Councilmember Huizar
- Continued the campaign to speak out against AB 1506
- Attended the Pasadena Planning Commission Meeting until after midnight
- Continued mobilizing our volunteer base
- Collected your letters to post on our blogs

Our campaign to fund community organizing efforts kicked off to a great start, **raising \$1,780 (36%) of the \$5,000 needed to continue these increasingly important efforts**. With things becoming increasingly heated throughout Los Angeles County, *it is imperative that we complete this campaign this week to ensure that there is no interruption in some of our most important work.*

Donate to this campaign & ensure that we have the ability to continue doing so. Your interest in STRs should have a value to you.

**Make your donation now by clicking on the following link: [la-stra.org/community\\_organizer\\_fundraising\\_drive](http://la-stra.org/community_organizer_fundraising_drive)**

### ***Have you been following STRACA on Facebook?***

Are you staying up to date on what is affecting short term rentals at the state level? A very limited campaign to bring people to our STRACA Public Page on Facebook has gotten us 3x more likes on our page. We will be launching similar campaigns soon. Make sure you stay up to date by liking our STRACA public Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/pg/STRALLIANCEOFCA/community](http://www.facebook.com/pg/STRALLIANCEOFCA/community)

### **Have you become a member of STRACA yet?**

Stay completely in the loop. Get the latest news articles, studies & legislation affecting short term rentals. You can find this and more in our STRACA & LASTRA's Member's Pages. Get access by becoming a member of STRACA at: [www.straca.org/memberships](http://www.straca.org/memberships) or LASTRA: [www.la-stra.org/memberships](http://www.la-stra.org/memberships). All LASTRA members are automatically members of STRACA. Memberships start as low as \$21/month, that's less than a dollar a day.

## **Los Angeles Short Term Rental Alliance (LASTRA)**



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4/19/2017

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Los Angeles Short Term Rental Alliance (LASTRA) · 106 Judge John Aiso St, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90012, United States

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### Fwd: Council File No. 14-1635-S2

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Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 9:39 AM

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

From: **Jeanne Mount** <jgriffinlion@yahoo.com>  
Date: Mon, Apr 17, 2017 at 3:03 PM  
Subject: Council File No. 14-1635-S2  
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org  
Cc: etta.armstong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Please support the Short-term rentals agenda in order to give visitors to the city a choice of shelter when they visit. Short-term rentals are cheaper and mostly safer than hotels and motels, which is why they're so popular.

Jeanne Mount  
310 385 9278  
Los Angeles, CA



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**Fwd: Airbnb Community rights / PLEASE READ COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 9:40 AM

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

From: &lt;mfain3000@gmail.com&gt;

Date: Mon, Apr 17, 2017 at 4:37 PM

Subject: Airbnb Community rights / PLEASE READ COUNCIL MEMBERS

To: "sharon.dickinson@lacity.org" &lt;sharon.dickinson@lacity.org&gt;, "Huizar@lacity.org" &lt;Huizar@lacity.org&gt;, "etta.armstrong@lacity.org" &lt;etta.armstrong@lacity.org&gt;

Hi-

I wanted to write you all to give you an example and see the benefit that local Los Angeles owners of their property may have with the house sharing site of Airbnb and others like them. I am personally able to put myself through school at night and on weekends at the moment with the added income I receive from Airbnb. With a technology environment constantly upgrading, advanced skills are truthfully required for most competitive jobs with an adequate living salary for myself and a family. Without question, Airbnb has become a lifeline for my family and their future.

There's little to no loss of profit from the hotel companies and consortiums, claiming their significant problems with sharing communities eating their profits while they consistently make record profits makes any sense to any sane person. If their claim was so severe, it would certainly not benefit Los Angeles or their residents that large scale business ventures were failing all around the city. Yet we see increased construction of lucrative developments all around the city in every direction, which of course will not be filled with Airbnb guests but instead with either long term renters paying higher upon higher prices for those units or hotels which are uniquely designed for the traveler who wants that experience.

It is another individual all together who cannot afford a \$300 to \$400 per night experience that uses services like Airbnb. Unlike many other service providers, they have accepted to collect occupancy tax for their users, which is more generous than any of the other share communities have been willing to do. I would think Los Angeles council members might look properly at that point to understand Airbnb means to help not harm this city more than anyone.

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## Fwd: Airbnb Community Rights / Please Read Council members

Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 9:41 AM

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

From: <mfain3000@gmail.com>  
 Date: Mon, Apr 17, 2017 at 4:44 PM  
 Subject: Airbnb Community Rights / Please Read Council members  
 To: "councilmember.huizar@lacity.org" <councilmember.huizar@lacity.org>, "etta.armstrong@lacity.org" <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>, "sharon.dickinson@lacity.org" <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>, "zina.cheng@lacity.org" <zina.cheng@lacity.org>

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### Fwd: I SUPPORT short term rentals in LA and MORE allowable days - Council File Number: 14-1635-S2

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Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 9:44 AM

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

From: **Lisa Carey** <lisa.carey@att.net>

Date: Mon, Apr 17, 2017 at 11:45 PM

Subject: I SUPPORT short term rentals in LA and MORE allowable days - Council File Number: 14-1635-S2

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org

Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Hello Councilmember Huizar,

I am writing in support of short term rentals. We need to increase the number of days a home is allowed to be shared or rented out short term. I agree that some form of legislation and safety is needed. But if the City of LA pushes too hard to ban or restrict them too much we will harm many. Homeowners and their employees who support rentals, like myself, would be harmed. If these laws pass I will most likely lose my job. Additionally the city will lose revenue from the TOT tax we collect and submit to the city.

I urge you to eliminate the requirement for owners to live on the property they rent and the time restrictions for rental is unfair. Vacationers staying a few weeks or a few months are adding to the city's economy. Also most of the renters are families with children who do not want to share the space with a stranger but need a home with a kitchen and space for their stay.

I honestly don't think the City of Los Angeles realizes the harm that banning most vacation rentals will do to the tourist economy of LA. You will drive those wishing to visit LA to make alternative plans. If a family of 10 is not allowed to rent an entire house, many of them will seek to visit places that are more tourist friendly like Big Bear or Malibu which allow visitors to rent entire houses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa Carey

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**Fwd: STR: Council File Number: 14-1635-S2**

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Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 10:10 AM

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

From: **Kate Sancer** <kate.sancer@gmail.com>  
Date: Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 11:56 AM  
Subject: STR: Council File Number: 14-1635-S2  
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org  
Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Dear Mr. Huizar:

I am writing as a longtime constituent of yours having owned my home on Tipton Way in 90042 approaching 17 years now. I love my home and have done everything in my power to get this far. My life has been a roller coaster since 2000, when I was living there with high hopes for my future. Since then, I've endured two divorces with no alimony, multiple deaths in the family, and a historically horrible recession. While our tanked economy has recovered somewhat, we live in an ageist society where securing a steady income has become increasingly more difficult.

Therefore, being able to subsidize my dwindling income via home sharing sites such as Airbnb has been a Godsend. It's bad enough to have struggled as I have to simply exist in a middle class lifestyle, but to have my simple existence further infringed upon by corporate greed (the big business of hoteliers), is yet another affront to the squeezed out middle class.

Industry changes all the time and Airbnb's multi billion dollar success is an indication that the sharing economy is working. To have it thwarted by limiting how people like me can hang onto their simple existence is not right, fair, nor justified.

I'm writing in a plea to you and your peers, as our elected representatives, to consider all the facets involved should "hosts" such as myself have limitations set on what they can earn in the "free" market. By letting big business and politicians squash our abilities to legally earn income by limiting how many days we can share our own personal homes, how free is the market really? Moreover, how is it anyone's business what or with whom we choose to share our spaces if we do so as law abiding citizens and with respect to our neighbors?

Again, I implore you to take people like me into account when huge corporations are trying to continue to squeeze out the middle class. Sites like Airbnb are one of the few sources enabling the middle class to maintain its last gasps of air.

I would be more than willing to speak to you over the phone or in person to represent these views on behalf of myself and many others who haven't reached out like I am doing here now. (323) 605-1186.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and take my concerns into consideration.

Sincerely,

Sharon "Kate" Sancer  
(323) 605-1186



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Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 8:30 AM

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

From: **Vicky Judah** <vickyjudah@yahoo.com>  
Date: Fri, Apr 14, 2017 at 8:10 AM  
Subject: Council File Number: 14-1635-S2  
To: "councilmember.huizar@lacity.org" <councilmember.huizar@lacity.org>  
Cc: "etta.armstrong@lacity.org" <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>, "sharon.dickinson@lacity.org" <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmember Huizar,

I am writing to invite you to visit our vacation rental.

Yes! You would be proud to see how we have turned a run down cockroach filled building into a delightful, comfortable and stylish home.

We host grandparents and parents who visit the local area and eat in our local restaurants and support the local economy,

We support government workers who are working in the Valley and have come with their family and need a longer term home.

Many times we have hosted disabled travellers who have told us they could not have come to stay without the option of a home which allows for their disability or sickness.

And patients recovering from treatment at our local hospitals.

Our housekeeper and all our service providers are spanish-speaking local community members who benefit hugely from the additional work this brings them.

We pay thousands of dollars each year in lodging tax which supports our communities.

Our neighborhood benefits from a clean and rentable home which makes them feel more safe and stable in their homes.

Thank you for supporting our community housing with our short term rentals.

Vicky Judah  
Sherman Oaks.

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**Sharon Dickinson**

Apr 19, 2017 9:43 AM

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

From: **Ann Keniston** <annkeniston@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Apr 14, 2017 at 3:24 PM  
Subject: Council File Number: 14-1635-S2  
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org  
Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Councilmember Huizar,

We **NEED** to move to increase the number of days for short term rentals, not decrease them. I cannot stress this enough. As a host I am bringing business benefits to the community.

Sincerely

Ann Keniston

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Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 9:44 AM

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

From: **Paul North** <ncoast99@gmail.com>  
Date: Mon, Apr 17, 2017 at 6:41 PM  
Subject: RE: Council File Number: 14-1635-S2  
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org  
Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember Huizar,

I understand that the hotel industry is making a concerted effort to wipe out home sharing and short term rentals, offered by homeowners like myself. There are many good arguments that can be made for allowing short term rentals in residences, such as the fact I would not be able to afford my home as a single person, without this supplemental income; such as the fact that such lobbies will erode my rights as an individual, to do with my home as I wish; such as the discouragement of travelers who cannot afford hotels, to visit our city, and spend their money here; and so on. But I am only going to address one argument, since it is the one argument that has been handed down by Wall Street itself, in defense of unscrupulous profit-making in the housing "market": What ever happened to the free market economy? Why cannot the market, and the demand of consumers, dictate the fate of home-sharing, instead of capitulating to a monopoly which is run by a wealthy elite?

Who ever said they are helping the small business sector, when the small business sector is far from ever attaining the concentrations of wealth that the hotel industry has at its disposal? As a small business owner and operator, I need a home from which to run my contracting business. Renting a home is simply out of the question, and paying the heavy mortgage and property tax rates is just not supported in this day and age, especially not for a single person with a single income. I therefore respectfully urge you to think in the long term, how the abolition or restriction of home sharing would affect middle-class America, and how it will preserve not the rights of individuals, but the profits of corporations, as if they didn't have enough. It seems to me that hard work does not get one anywhere these days, only inherited money gets one into the position of being a hotelier. Why not let the market decide? Why vote to squeeze more people out of their homes, so that eventually, home ownership can only be afforded by the wealthy? I ask you to hold one image in your mind, when you make this decision, and when you consider whether or not our country is really "free": How would the Founding Fathers vote on this issue?

Thank you, and God bless.

Paul North

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Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 10:11 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**From: **Kimberly Jackson** <tkimberlyann@aol.com>

Date: Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 12:26 PM

Subject: Council File Number: 14-1635-S2

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

*Dear Councilman Huizar,*

*Please do not limit the number of days someone can rent their home. These are our rights as LA property owners, you can not take those away from us! I will not be able to keep my home if this were to happen and their will be a class action law suit should this happen. I travel for work, so I only use my home a few days a month when I am home in LA, so I can't put a long term tenant in there. This is why the home sharing model works for me.*

*A bad neighbor is a bad neighbor. All guests should have to abide by the rules, but to put a cap on number of days rented at a time or per year solves nothing, you also limit the TOT you can bring into our city by doing so.... Bad move, please DO NOT do this :(*

**KIMBERLY JACKSON**  
**503-957-9354**

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**Fwd: 14-1635-S2**

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Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 8:18 AM

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

From: **Steven Jirucha** <sjirucha@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Apr 14, 2017 at 8:10 AM  
Subject: 14-1635-S2  
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org  
Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Councilman Huizar

I am against any further restriction of short term rentals. Short term rentals are raising lots of revenue for the City of Los Angeles and are a major supporter of lots and lots of surrounding small businesses. Very few of them are causing problems with neighbors.

Please do not put restrictions on the maximum number of days that can be rented short term.

All the Best

Steven Jirucha

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Sharon Dickinson

Apr 19, 2017 10:11 AM

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

From: **Lyndall Hobbs** <lyndallhobbs@gmail.com>  
Date: Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 12:40 PM  
Subject: 14-1635-S2  
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org  
Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Dear CouncilMember Hiuzar

Just to say that after 8 years of illness--cancer twice and 14 surgeries after chemo and a double mastectomy and then a churn staph infection---I finally managed to keep the wolves from the door by renting out my house on AIRB N B.

I'm a single mother with a learning disable adopted son and I truly have been worried sick for year after year as my mortgage with Bank Of America went up and up...

As a female director I have found it virtually impossible to get work in TV directing lately despite having raised the money to do a spec comedy pilot withy Ellen Barkin and Holland Taylor called **Hollywood Mom--**

**It is just so very very hard for a woman of a certain age to get work and make ends meet. Without being able to rent my house out through AIRBNB I would have had to sell the house and be living off the money I would make which would be running out very soon. Please do not make things even harder for us...**

Many thanks

Lyndall Hobbs

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### Fwd: Writing in Support of Short Term Rentals (Council File #14-1635-S2)

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**Sharon Dickinson**

Apr 19, 2017 10:12 AM

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

From: **David Katz** <davidakatz@gmail.com>  
Date: Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 12:48 PM  
Subject: Writing in Support of Short Term Rentals (Council File #14-1635-S2)  
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org  
Cc: sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, etta.armstrong@lacity.org

Councilmember Huizar,

I am writing you to ask you to please support Short Term Rentals in the City of Los Angeles. We need more days of being able to rent our places, not fewer.

Citizens like me rely on the income to support our families. We support housekeepers, gardeners, electricians another handymen just to keep our properties going. Plus having people stay in our homes supports local businesses in our community.

Please don't give in to the money that corporate lobbyists are spending to kill people's individual liberties. As property owners we should be allowed to rent our places. Anything else is un-American.

Thank you for listening and thank you for your support. Please do not give in to the special interests!

David