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

Sharon Dickinson

Apr 21, 2017 7:11 AM

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

From: **Luis Rivera** <contact@luisriveraportfolio.com>

Date: Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 12:27 PM

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

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Cc: david.ryu@lacity.org, paul.koreetz@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org,
councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.fuentes@lacity.org

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to ask you to help write a clear fair legislation regarding home sharing. I'm an art director, former art director for *Sports Illustrated* magazine. Back in 2013, I found myself unemployed, I got laid off only one month and few days after I purchased my house at 1720 S Mansfield Avenue, Los Angeles, 90019.

Later that year, I hurt my back and was basically paralyzed for a few months unable to work. I was able to keep up with all my bills thanks to family members and credit cards, while it's been a few years, I still owe money to family and have caught up with credit card debt.

Thanks to Airbnb, I've been able to start repaying family members and make substantial payments into my credit cards.

Airbnb has allowed me to remain in my house. I love to have people around and I feel more secure rather than being alone in the house. This new experience has allowed me to make friends all over the globe and primarily has allowed me to continue paying all my bills on time. While I'm lucky to have a job nowadays, after my unfortunate situation back in 2013, I've learned that as a home owner, having savings is not a luxury, it is a must.

Airbnb is allowing home owners to keep a roof over their heads, paying increasingly high taxes, allowing people living within the home they love with dignity. I love my community and my neighbors and for the first time since I purchased the home, thanks to airbnb i feel i will be able to remain here.

Please consider my story and my situation when you draft a legislation regarding home sharing.

Best regards

Luis Rivera

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

From: **Max Matteo** <max.matteo917@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 1:30 PM
Subject: RE: Council File Number: 14-1635-S2
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org
Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Hello Councilmember Huizar,

RE: Council File Number: 14-1635-S2

I'm writing in opposition of the minimum amount of days a host can rent out their home or apartment on Airbnb. If you could please be an advocate for us to increase the amount of days a host can rent their space via Airbnb.

The city generates a large amount of money from taxed collected, it only makes sense to increase the amount of days that way the city will profit as well.

Please be our voice to help increase the amount of days a host can rent their space on Airbnb.

Thanks,

Max

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

From: **Scott Zimmerman** <scottkzimmerman@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 7:07 PM
Subject: Council File Number: 14-1635-S2
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org
Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember Huizar:

I am a 58 year old home owner in Los Angeles, with a shrinking income and I'm able to continue living my life with some affordability due to the short term rental I have on my property. I will need to sell my house if you and your colleagues vote to limit the number of days I'm able to rent my guest house — the new economy is sustaining me financially.

I find it particularly offensive that the hotel interests and lobby are funding this campaign to curtail LA citizens from rightfully supplementing their income.

Please consider your constituents when you vote on our behalf.

Respectfully,

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

From: **Elle Sabet** <Elle.Sabet@gmx.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 1:23 PM
Subject: RE: Council File Number: 14-1635-S2
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org
Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Hello Councilmember Huizar,

RE: Council File Number: 14-1635-S2

I'm writing to oppose the minimum amount of days a host can rent out their apartment or home on Airbnb. If you could please take into consideration that many people rely on this as their main form on income. Not to mention the city benefits immensely from the amount taxes collected from Airbnb.

Please help us to increase the amount of days a host can rent thier space on Airbnb, as the city can greatly from this. I reside in Hollywood and would like to remain being a great host and providing the city with an immense income stream.

Thanks,
Elle

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

From: **Bobby Martinez Jr.** <bmj1978@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 1:13 PM
Subject: RE: Council File Number: 14-1635-S2
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org
Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Hello Councilmember Huizar,

RE: Council File Number: 14-1635-S2

I'm writing to oppose the minimum amount of days a host can rent out their apartment or home on Airbnb. The city is making a huge profit off Airbnb taxes here in LA County. Why would the city want to short change itself and not make more money?

These funds could possibly be directed to solving our horrible and out control homeless problem. LA needs to take lessons from NYC, because parts of LA are disgusting with shanty towns popping up everywhere. NYC does not allow and strictly enforces this.

Anyhow Airbnb taxes could be a huge income revenue stream for the city. I would like it if you could kindly take into consideration increasing the number of days a host can rent out their home or apartment. Many people depend on this for income and I must say they probably take better care of their home and apartments than someone who does not Airbnb. Due to the fact that a host wants great reviews therefore they will go above and beyond caring for the hosting space.

I can't stress enough that the income revenue collected from will greatly help beautify and solve LA's homeless problem and deficit. This is basically free money that is coming into the city, why would you want to limit the amount of the money the city will be getting from Airbnb taxes? Please take my opposition into consideration and help the fight to increase the minimum amount of days one can rent their space on Airbnb.

Thanks,

Bobby Martinez Jr.



Edwin Grover <edwin.grover@lacity.org>

Fwd: Council File: 14-1635-S2 Support Second Homes in LA ordinance

Etta Armstrong <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>
To: Edwin Grover <edwin.grover@lacity.org>

Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 1:47 PM

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From: **Helena Delu** <delu@pacbell.net>
Date: Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 1:46 PM
Subject: Council File: 14-1635-S2 Support Second Homes in LA ordinance
To: Etta Armstrong <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>

Etta Armstrong,

I am writing today to oppose restrictive short-term rental regulations including those that prohibit second home rentals. It has been demonstrated that easy to follow rules have the best shared outcomes for visitors, homeowners, and the community.

Short-term rentals are a primary accommodation for many travelers. It must be recognized that short-term rentals play an important role in our local business community.

The 2016 PhocusWright U.S. Private Accommodation study demonstrates that nationally private accommodations, like vacation rentals:

- Have been used by 30% of travelers.
- Make up 17% of the total revenue in the lodging industry.
- Make up 8% of total revenue in the travel and tourism market.
- Are a \$31.8 billion industry.

Vacation rentals hire many local contractors to maintain, landscape, and clean our homes. In addition, short-term rental guests stay longer and spend more during their trips.

The use of secondary homes as short-term rentals does not affect affordable housing. Second homes make up a small percentage of the total housing stock and in most cases would not be used as long-term housing anyway.

I urge you to protect individuals' property rights and interstate commerce by creating an easy system to register properties, collect taxes, and provide consumer protections.

Treat home sharing and whole home rentals the same. Protect a homeowner's ability to make use of their home in the way that it best works for them. Nuisance laws already exist. Renters, long and short term, use homes to cook, relax and sleep.

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