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Dear Council President Wesson and Councilmember Bonin:

Thank you for the steps you're taking on short term rentals.

In our neighborhood, we have seen "operators" come in, buy houses, and turn them into rental units. One house was divided into two illegal units, both on Air BnB, and the noise and frustrations from rentals resulting in the illegal modifications being reported to Building and Safety. This operator seems to have 7 or 8 properties listed on Air BnB. And the rentals are not just to "tourists" or "families". The house has been rented for film shoots, taking all the street parking, and to photo shoots. And to simple weekend partiers...

Please continue to address these issues.

The neighborhoods are changing. We no longer know our neighbors. And we don't recognize the cars parking on our street anymore. So, yes, it's a less-safe place to raise our family.

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The following is in reference to council file number: CF#14-1635-S2

And planning commission file number: CPC-2016-1243-CA

Dear Mr. Mayor, Council member O’Farrell & other concerned parties:

Regarding the proposed home-sharing ordinance amending the LA Municipal Code. As a homeowner, city resident and taxpayer in good standing with my Silver Lake neighbors and community, I would like to register my disagreement with some of the particulars of this amendment.

As I understand it, one would be allowed to engage in home-sharing with one’s primary residence. Including a guesthouse. I am the owner of a 2 unit duplex in the Silver Lake neighborhood. I feel that duplexes, where the owner is on the premises should be included. If a guesthouse is considered fair, it stands to reason a duplex – where one shares space more intimately – should be included as well. I do not rent my second unit to a long term tenant on the open market, because I use it to host family and friends when they are in town. Therefore it is not part of the city’s (admittedly limited) housing stock. I strongly urge you to consider including duplexes within the legal bounds of the draft ordinance.

Secondly, I think an arbitrary limit to 90 days is unreasonable. If one is going to allow a homeowner control over their property, why should it be capped so arbitrarily? That behavior/commerce deemed legal should be capped to 25% of the year is unfair.

I sincerely hope you will amend the ordinance to reflect my concerns, as I am a resident of the city in good standing. My tax money is as green as the person howling about neighborhood character being diminished by home sharing. As much as some might like neighborhoods and ways of living to not evolve – home sharing is a reality. I encourage you to regulate it sensibly by doing away with the 90 day cap and to include duplexes within your definition of a primary residence. The current proposal goes too far in the direction of over-regulation.

I take great care in vetting people coming into my home and my 95-year-old neighbor (who has lived in her home since 1950) has enjoyed meeting my respectful guests from all over the world. I hope you will empower neighborhood guardians like myself that ensure home-sharing is a neighborhood enhancement that complies with my neighbors wishes.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions or clarify my position,

Sincerely,

Jared Mazzaschi

Silver Lake home owner and resident

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