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Fwd: We Support Short Term Rentals in Los Angeles (CF#14-1635-S2)

Sharon Dickinson

May 22, 2017 10:28 AM

Posted in group: Clerk-PLUM-Committee

From: Greg Dina <gregdina@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, May 19, 2017 at 2:32 PM
Subject: We Support Short Term Rentals in Los Angeles (CF#14-1635-S2)
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org
Cc: Sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, etta.armstrong@lacity.org

Dear Councilman Huizar,

Please don't ban guest houses and limit the number of days allowed for short term rentals in Los Angeles. As a resident of Westchester, Board Member of the Westchester-Playa Democratic Club and responsible 'homesharer', I have seen the benefits of short term rentals personally and for the local LAX-adjacent community. Home sharing has enabled us to promote local business, showcase our love for Los Angeles and provide a safe and unique space for our guests to enjoy while we are home.

Fair regulation and collecting TOT we support – but we do not support banning guest houses or limiting the number of days allowed.

Short Term Rentals have been an integral part of our community for decades. Short term rental hosts and guests are an integral component of the tourism sector's revenue in the greater Los Angeles area.

Families using short term rentals are not only making memories together, they are also allowing our local communities to prosper through their spending. For every \$100 a traveler spends on lodging, they will spend 50-75% more in their hosting neighborhood on food and dining out, local ground transportation, recreation, and retail shopping.

The significant economic gains this produces allows for more local employment and local business opportunities within our communities. The tourism industry accounts for one out of every ten jobs in the Los Angeles area.

Short term rentals are projected to generate over \$30 million a year in transient occupancy tax revenue in the City of Los Angeles alone. This 14% tax that is placed on all STR's could astronomically help the city. I propose that this revenue be allocated towards building the affordable housing that is so desperately needed. From the astounding homeless population to the working class being pushed out of their neighborhoods due to rising rent costs, focused utilization of TOT from short term rentals can make a significant impact on a desperately underfunded affordable housing trust fund.

The City of Los Angeles' proposed homesharing ordinance's restricting the number of days that a short term rental may operate to 180 days would have severe negative repercussions for the city and not provide a single tangible benefit to our communities. Limiting the number of days reduces TOT revenue, as well as sales tax revenue. It hurts local businesses with less opportunity to capture visitor dollars. It will put people from housekeepers to local professionals serving short term rentals out of work. It could kill innovative start up cottage industries that have come to be because of short term rentals. People can't work half a year. Most businesses can't operate half the year.

I request the Los Angeles City Council does not limit the number of allowed days for short term rentals as it will have negative effects on the local economy and make the City of Angels less progressive, innovative and inviting.

Sincerely,

Greg Dina-Pham
• Westchester Resident (17 years)
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To: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org
Cc: john.gregory@lacity.org, Sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, etta.armstrong@lacity.org, Travis <travis.h.pham@gmail.com>

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

From: **S Gendel** <sgendel@aol.com>

Date: Sun, May 21, 2017 at 5:25 PM

Subject: To Sharon Dickinson for Posting as Public Commentary regarding CF-14-1635-52 - Please direct to PLUM Committed for Distribution

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Dear Mayor Garcetti, Councilmembers, Staff and Stakeholders,

As all of you are keenly interested in serving the well-being of all of your constituents, I know that you have been reading the public commentary regarding the proposed HOME SHARING ordinance **AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSING COMMITTEE ON 12/7/16**. We are all struck by the outpouring of sentiment from those who rely on HOME SHARING for income because of lost jobs, deceased spouses, or unforeseen medical expenses. The focus of their issue with the proposed ordinance is the limitation of allowable rental days to 180 days per year. *This is understandable; as such a limitation is a limitation on the maximum amount of income that can be earned. We all feel for these people who are down on their luck.*

However, the idea that you can transform R1 Residential neighborhoods into rooming house zones without restriction is utterly destructive to the fabric of the community. It fundamentally destroys a core value that is the bedrock of zoning law. That is, it creates hardcore business within the sanctuary of traditional residential neighborhoods. The City's temptation to sell out peaceful neighborhoods for a buck, without limitation, must be stopped.

I fully support limiting true HOME SHARING to 30-60 days a year. If a homeowner cannot survive without short term HOME SHARING for 30-60 days per year, then they should be renting for 30 days or more. Currently, 180 days of short term rentals is not in the interest of Angelenos who own homes, pay taxes, and raise families in safe, quiet neighborhoods where they expected that their original contract with City government would be defended.

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Fwd: Vote No on Home Sharing Ordinance

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May 22, 2017 1:45 PM

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

From: **Paul Wieselmann** <pwieselmann@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:59 AM
Subject: Vote No on Home Sharing Ordinance
To: sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, patrice.lattimore@lacity.org
Cc: PAW - SBC <pwieselmann@sbcglobal.net>, david.ryu@lacity.org

I strongly urge the City Council to put aside the Home Sharing Ordinance. This ordinance is being promoted by Airbnb and other similar companies to foster their business. It is not in the interests of the 90% or more of Los Angeles home owners who do not participate in and do not want this type of activity in their neighborhoods. It is also not consistent with the housing needs of the City. Current zoning restrictions for most of the City do not allow rentals of under 30 days and, as the Staff Report states, this has been confirmed in the Chen vs Kraft decision. Airbnb says that transient house rentals brought in \$980M of economic activity in 2015. This figure is questionable since your Staff Report recognizes that they cannot determine if this activity would or would not have occurred otherwise. What the Staff Report does point out is: possible further depletion of housing stock which will drive vacancy rates lower than the critical current 2.7%, that this will negatively impact Major Garcetti's goal of 100,000 housing units by 2020, and that the top nine Airbnb neighborhoods for transient house rentals have seen rents double above the City average. Combine these negative housing affordability facts with the huge negative impact to coherent neighborhoods and I see only negative value to this ordinance.

I urge the Council to NOT adopt this ordinance and in its place put into effect strong enforcement of existing zoning restrictions. Neighborhoods were planned and built on these restrictions and people invested in their homes with an understanding that the zoning codes would protect their integrity.

Respectfully,

Paul A Wieselmann

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May 22, 2017 1:45 PM

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

From: **Charlotte Chamberlain** <cchamber@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Mon, May 22, 2017 at 12:10 PM
Subject: Vote No on Home Sharing Ordinance
To: sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, patrice.lattimore@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org
Cc: Hollywood Knolls Community Club <jean@hollywoodknolls.ccsend.com>, Hollywood Knolls <hollywoodknolls@yahoo.com>, matthewscheele@yahoo.com, Rosemary Macedo <rosyruns@gmail.com>

I strongly urge the City Council to put aside the Home Sharing Ordinance. This ordinance is being promoted by Airbnb and other similar companies to foster their business at the expense of the housing values and quality of life of the residents Los Angeles. It is not in the interests of the 90% or more of Los Angeles home owners who do not participate in and do not want this type of activity in their neighborhoods. It is also not consistent with the housing needs of the City nor the hotel industry and its workers who pay taxes in this city. Current zoning restrictions for most of the City do not allow rentals of under 30 days and, as the Staff Report states, this has been confirmed in the *Chen vs Kraft* decision. Airbnb says that transient house rentals brought in \$980M of economic activity in 2015. This figure is questionable since your Staff Report recognizes that they cannot determine if this activity would or would not have occurred otherwise. What the Staff Report does point out is: possible further depletion of housing stock which will drive vacancy rates lower than the critical current 2.7%, that this will negatively impact Mayor Garcetti's goal of 100,000 housing units by 2020, and that the top nine Airbnb neighborhoods for transient house rentals have seen rents double above the City average. Combine these negative housing affordability facts with the huge negative impact to coherent neighborhoods and I see only negative value to this ordinance.

You've already disenfranchised the taxi industry and employees in this city by your overly indulgent acceptance of Lyft and Uber. Don't use my property values and neighborhood to line the pockets internet moguls.

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