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Hi there -

Short term rental hosts and guests are an integral component of the tourism sector's revenue in the greater Los Angeles area. I'm writing to state our opposition to a proposed 180 day cap for home sharing in the City of Los Angeles and for restricting the use of secondary dwelling units on single family property.

We are homeowners in Westchester and have been home sharing for the past two years. Our experience has been nothing less than amazing. These are guests who are visiting Los Angeles, here for business, visiting family or have a long layover at LAX. We are responsible homeowners who have not had a single issue with our guests and neighbors in the over 300 reservations that we have completed. Fair regulation we support (no multiple units, no reduction in rent-controlled units, etc), but we believe that the demand for the home sharing economy will continue to increase rapidly and Los Angeles should be the leader in smart forward-thinking policy.

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.

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.

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.

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,

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