HOUSING COMMITTEE HEARING LETTER IN SUPPORT OF HOME SHARING. CF#14-1635-S2

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To whom it may concern:

We are a group of lay practitioners of Buddhist-style mindfulness meditation, and we rent a meeting space for our weekly gatherings from a community in Echo Park that supports itself through home sharing. We bring peaceful energy to the neighborhood, and in return, we cherish the personal atmosphere and ambience of the place. Naturally, we are highly interested in the continued well-being of our hosts and fully support them in their home sharing.

Therefore, we are opposed to the portions of the proposed ordinance that limit what people can do within their own primary residence. We are particularly concerned about the limiting of the number of days people can home share and how many listings within their home they can have active at one time. Also of concern are the clauses that would prohibit hosts from other work related activities and the limitations on rent controlled units within primary living spaces.

We are also opposed to the criminalization of home sharing as proposed in the ordinance. Making home sharing a misdemeanor offense is an outrageous misappropriation of the court system and a violation of basic human rights.

Home sharing keeps people in their homes, provides jobs and stimulates the rest of the economy. We all benefit from this enterprise and it should be supported.

Sincerely,

Ray Busmann

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Juan,

As Mitch and the Council review rules for the Air BnB residences I wanted to pass a log our experience with the Air BnB on our street.

Our street is common in function to most of the streets in the hillside neighborhoods. Much too narrow with limited parking.

I think it would be fair to require the Air BnB residences have mandatory off street parking.

I view them to be more like a business than a residence.

They should be required to supply parking so they don't compete with people that are committed to living in their neighborhood.

Thank you.

Carson Leistikow

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It is well documented that short-term rentals have many adverse impacts on residential neighborhoods. Many other cities ban or severely limit short-term rentals.

Any permissive Ordinance in Los Angeles should contain the following:
1. Maximum of 60 days in a year
2. Host must be on the premises during any short-term rental; in other words, no entire house rental by absentee host.
3. Enforcement requires a private right of action by impacted neighbors, with the prevailing party recovering attorneys fees
4. Limit on number of guests to two adults per bedroom plus children under 16 in same family

Yours respectfully,

Nancy M. Jones