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Home Sharing Ordinance; CF 14-1635-S2

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Elin Schwartz
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Blast-Off Brands
310.243.6766
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Rhonda Papell
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Brentwood Resident since 2003
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Yours respectfully, charlene glikbarg, 465 khomewood rd, los angeles, 90049
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Susann and Stephen Bauman

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Michael Mahler <memahler@ucla.edu>  
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As you consider Home Sharing Ordinance CF 14-1635-S2, it is important to consider the adverse effects that short term rentals have caused in other cities and to impose reasonable limits on this activity to preserve the quality of life in our residential neighborhoods.

"Home Sharing" is not really home sharing unless the owner is actually there, on-site. (Prohibiting this would not limit long term rentals of properties by owners.)

Short term (by the day or week) rentals should be limited to a maximum of 60 days a year.

There should be a limit on the number of guests to two adults per bedroom, plus children under 16.

Finally, since the city is less likely to actively enforce limitations under this ordinance without considerable pressure or assistance from the neighbors of offending properties, the ordinance should have a private right of action by affected neighbors, including recovering attorneys fees.

I live on a quiet cul-de-sac. Without these protections, the mega-mansion now being constructed across the street from me could be easily turned into a mini-hotel and party house! Please don't let that happen.

Michael E Mahler  
978 Teakwood Road  
Los Angeles, CA 90049
Dear City of Los Angeles Leadership:

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Daniel Vigil
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Marilyn Bettencourt <marilynab@hotmail.com> Sat, Jun 10, 2017 at 7:06 AM

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Ken Bettencourt
12275 Sky Lane
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312 South Canyon View Drive
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Michael Scimo
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Los Angeles, CA 90049
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Barbara Mazur <barbara.j.mazur@gmail.com>  Sat, Jun 10, 2017 at 7:26 AM
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We have lived in Brentwood since 1972, and now we are an elderly couple. We feel insecure with the thought of the possibility of short-term renters moving in next door to us. There are so many unknowns in terms of our neighborhood’s safety with people coming and going with no ties to responsibility or respect for people or property. We beg you to consider our safety first.

Yours respectfully,

Barbara and Marshall Hacker

953 Kenfield Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90049 (310) 476-4851
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Linda and Tom Giwin
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Yours respectfully,

Emily Loughran

Sent from my iPhone
Home Sharing Ordinance: CF 14-1635-S2 / Failsafe mechanism needed in case of litigation/Reduce the # of days!

Barbara Broide <bbroide@hotmail.com>

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Sat, Jun 10, 2017 at 1:31 AM

At a time when Los Angeles is fighting to solve the challenges of providing affordable housing and addressing its homeless issue, it is counterproductive (and hypocritical) to legalize short-term rentals which serve to reduce housing supply and increase housing costs citywide. It is well documented that short-term rentals have many additional adverse impacts on residential neighborhoods. Many other cities ban or severely limit short-term rentals. While it would be far preferable to uphold the ban on short term rentals with enforcement, it appears that the political winds are blowing in a different direction. Therefore, if the City does move forward to legalize short-term rentals, I request that the ordinance seeks to protect our city's rental stock (and the inhabitants of those units) and is passed in such a way as to guarantee enforcement.

Because Airbnb has a history of pulling out of and/or bringing legal challenges to cities with whom they have forged agreements, it is important that our ordinance have a default mechanism: Should Airbnb or any other short term rental platform bring legal action to challenge or "undo" any agreement forged, there should be language that automatically revokes the legalization of short-term rentals. (Think of this as being similar to arrangements in trusts and wills whereby if an heir challenges a will or trust, they are automatically removed from being a recipient of the trust/will.) If there was to be a legal challenge to the prior agreement or if the terms of the agreement are broken, those rentals would no longer be permitted. This is necessary because too often legal proceedings drag on for years and during that time it is not uncommon to find that NO enforcement takes place.

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The commercial operation whereby an individual or a company rents out more than one unit is a practice that should be stopped. It is difficult to understand why the City has not already taken action against those operators who clearly are running a business and have removed a number of housing units from the City’s housing stock. While it is laudable for the City to act to protect rent-controlled units when found to have been removed for short-term rentals, it is equally important to protect all housing stock from being used as a business enterprise in competition with the hospitality industry. After all, when transient occupancy taxes are collected from a short-term rental, often those taxes would have been collected from a hotel or motel business which means that the City is not necessarily generating new income; it is shifting the source of those same tourist dollars while undercutting an industry that pays livable wages and employs many.

The short term rental platforms have done a good job at rallying those who benefit from providing short-term rentals. While those individuals have much to gain from a liberal ordinance, the entire City has a great deal more to lose in this high stakes public policy decision.

Thank you for your consideration,

Barbara Broide

West Los Angeles 90025
Home Sharing Ordinance: CF 14-1635-S2

Barrythurston <thurstongroup@aol.com> Sat, Jun 10, 2017 at 7:40 AM
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We have lived in our neighborhood for 20 plus years and built a new house 7 years ago. We currently have several large homes on our street who are renting rooms illegally. We have more cars on the street, more noisy parties until late hours on weekends and strangers wandering the neighborhood. Legalization of this activity is only going to make our neighborhood less safe and not the environment we spent time and money on to live in.

These recommendations are at least guidelines which may help to keep our neighborhood beautiful and safe for our children and families in the future.

Sincerely,

Barry Thurston
174 N. Carmelina Avenue
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Sara Ebrahimi

Sent from my iPhone
Subject: Home Sharing Ordinance; CF 14-1635-S2

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Nanette Pattee Francini

For your address book, my main email account is now my Cochise Capital email: nanettefrancini@cochisecap.com. But my sportsclub email continues to auto transfer to this account.
Home Sharing Ordinance; CF 14-1635-S2

G R <gilcorp1@me.com>  
To: Zina.Cheng@lacity.org, Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org, clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org, Jose.Huizar@lacity.org, Mike.Bonin@lacity.org, info@brentwoodhomeowners.org

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Barbara and Marshall Hacker 953 Kenfield Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90049 (310)476-4851
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Bernie Schiffer <schiffer_b@yahoo.com>  
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Judy Chambers Beck
Brentwood resident
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Barbara Hacker <barb4kidz@aol.com>       Sat, Jun 10, 2017 at 8:14 AM
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Los Angeles, CA 90049
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Lynn Arost <lynnarost@gmail.com>  
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BARBARA and BOB SCHWARTZ
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Gary Poison <garyp@cydcor.com>  
Sat, Jun 10, 2017 at 8:42 AM  
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La, Ca 90049

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Nancy Freedman <gjf165@gmail.com>
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Kate Goldberg
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Los Angeles, CA 90049
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Arlene Glazman <agplants@hotmail.com>  Sat, Jun 10, 2017 at 9:06 AM

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Sandra Ferrari Disner <sdisner@dornsife.usc.edu> Sat, Jun 10, 2017 at 9:32 AM

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With thanks for what you do for our community,
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LA 90049
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Janet Greene <jlustig2005@yahoo.com>  
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To: Zina.Cheng@lacity.org, Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org, clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org, Jose.Huizar@lacity.org, Mike.Bonin@lacity.org, info@brentwoodhomeowners.org

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As many of our members know, STRACA/LASTRA is following an increasing number of lawsuits challenging local ordinances that ban short term rentals (STRs). As the number of lawsuits grows, we are seeing a common thread among many of them, and that is, seeking to defeat the bans based on the regulations imposed on local municipalities by the California Coastal Act. The arguments plaintiffs are making include: a city's failure to file a Local Coastal Plan (LCP); failing to obtain a Coastal Development Permit (CDP); and failing to file an amendment to existing LCPs. All of these are required under the Coastal Act and are administered by the California Coastal Commission. Cities are giving it their all to fight back. We can't help but watch the unfolding lawsuits with bated breath to see if the Coastal Act will prove to be the law that saves STRs in California.

The key element of the Coastal Act these lawsuits all hinge upon is the definition of the term development. Development is broadly defined in the Coastal Act to include not just what one traditionally thinks of when they hear the word development (e.g. erecting new buildings), but also any change in the density or intensity of the use of land, as well as changes in access to coastal water. It is these two pieces of the definition the lawsuits cite for why the Coastal Act even comes into play. As long as the argument can successfully be made to a court that bans on STRs constitute either a change in the density or intensity of land use or a change in access to coastal water, then courts must determine if cities are then in compliance with the Coastal Act in terms of LCPs, CDPs, or amendments to LCPs. If plaintiffs can show the city in question enacted their bans without first obtaining the necessary approval of the California Coastal Commission, the quasi-judicial body that enforces the provisions of the Coastal Act, then the bans are not likely to survive.
The challenge, for both plaintiffs and defendants, is convincing the courts that banning STRs constitutes a form of development as defined by the Coastal Act. This is difficult because it requires arguing for your preferred interpretation of the Coastal Act. If you are a city that wants to see its STR ban upheld, then you must convince the court that you have not done anything in enacting your ordinance that can fairly be considered a change in land use or a change in access to coastal waters. Whenever courts are tasked with interpreting the law, however, litigants face the possibility that the judge hearing their case is one that believes the court's job is to understand the law in light of what the framers of it originally intended. On the other hand, there are those judges who seek to understand the spirit of the law and attempt to interpret the meaning of the language in the statute in the light of societal changes that have taken place in the years since the law was originally enacted. It is this latter philosophy that has allowed for landmark decisions that have broadened the scope of the meaning of racial discrimination and sex discrimination and have allowed a wider range of people to be protected by such important laws as Title VII, The Civil Rights Act of 1964. When courts hand down decisions that create powerful new common law, we see pivotal changes in society as a result. Here to, with interpreting the term development in the Coastal Act.

Thankfully, the Coastal Commission has sought recently to clarify if STRs are in fact protected under the Coastal Act because it is very much aware of the trend toward banning them. The Commission has clearly stated, as recently as December 2016, that bans on STRs will not be supported and that all laws seeking to regulate STRs can only be enacted in compliance with LCPs and/or with the authorization of a CDP. This clarity is important to the litigants suing to end local STR bans, however, it does not completely remove the need for judicial interpretation of the Coastal Act, which does not specifically mention STRs. Instead, the Coastal Act says this in Article 3, §30222:

"The use of private lands suitable for visitor-serving commercial recreational facilities designed to enhance public opportunities for coastal recreation shall have priority over private residential, general industrial, or general commercial development, but not over agriculture or coastal-dependent industry."

Coming out so clearly against banning STRs has meant that the Commission has made it easier for plaintiffs to convince the courts, but it is not a slam dunk. And cities are fighting hard to convince the courts their bans are exempt from the Coastal Act. Nonetheless, the Commission's public stance on this issue does make this a bit of an uphill battle for cities. Indeed, there could be far reaching consequences for cities who lose these legal battles. The Commission is generally seen by municipalities as a toothless body, but that is simply not true. The Commission can seek civil penalties of up to $30,000 for violations of unapproved development. In addition, a recent amendment to the Coastal Act gives the Commission the authority to also seek administrative penalties against violators, and these are not insignificant. They can collect up to $11,250 a day for up to five years for each violation. Will cities that lose their fight to uphold their STR bans then be open to penalties imposed by the Commission? Only time will tell on this point.
To be sure though, the plaintiffs thus far who have sued their cities to see STR bans overturned under the Coastal Act are the trailblazers in this fight to keep STRs legal and instead have reasonable regulations enacted to protect all parties (hosts, guests, and yes even cities that can collect taxes on STR transactions). An important decision recently came down in one of these cases, Rosenblatt v. City of Santa Monica. In this case, the Plaintiff originally sought to overturn Santa Monica's ban by alleging the ordinance was a violation of the dormant Commerce Clause, which prohibits state regulation of interstate commerce. Lucky for the rest of us, the complaint was amended to add violations of the Coastal Act, as that added claim is the only one that survived a recent motion to dismiss filed by the City of Santa Monica. We will be watching this case (and other similar cases) closely to see if the Plaintiff prevails. A win for this Plaintiff will be a win for the Coastal Act, and the rest of the STR industry in California.

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Airbnb has a new friend, the City of New Orleans

Many of us have no idea what kinds of battles are being raged against short term rentals (STRs) outside the U.S. But Airbnb is at the forefront of those battles and has the steep legal bills to prove it. In New Orleans though, things went differently for Airbnb. It decided to approach city officials and work together with them to create STR regulations. The New York Times reported on this in December of last year.

Indeed, Airbnb sees their negotiations and the eventual regulations they helped create as a model for how to work with other cities both here in the U.S. and abroad. This is not the first time Airbnb has reached out to city officials but this is the first time the city in question was truly receptive to the company’s efforts. As a result, regulations now in place in New Orleans include concessions from Airbnb that may seem a bit surprising but merely reflect what can happen when two opposing sides come to the table with a genuine desire to find true compromise. Take the desire to know the names of hosts along with the addresses of their rental units, Airbnb has filed suit against several cities demanding just this and the company’s complaints are based on the constitutionality of their users’ personal information. When Airbnb raised their concerns over user privacy the city agreed that they would keep all host data private. It was this concession that made it possible for Airbnb to accept the terms.

In addition to sharing data about their users, Airbnb will ban any listings for the city’s French Quarter, a move intended to mollify the hotel industry here. Hosts in the city must have a permit to operate their STR but Airbnb is working together with the city to provide automatic registration for hosts when they sign up to list on Airbnb.com. The company agreed to an annual cap of 90 total rental days for homes rented out in their entirety. When the cost of enforcing any new STR regulations came up, Airbnb agreed to collect from New Orleans’ hosts an extra $1 in fees to help offset the city’s enforcement cost. The company has now developed what it calls a “policy tool chest,”
developed in part as they negotiated with New Orleans, which it recently unveiled as the guide for successfully working with other cities.

New Orleans became the success story it did in part because it saw that STRs are likely here to stay and cities that tried to ban them outright were not having the greatest success enforcing their bans and were facing expensive legal challenges. As a result, city officials decided it was time to work with the main facilitator of STRs, Airbnb, to see if they couldn’t find a better way to regulate this fast growing industry. The city also had no difficulty seeing there were benefits to be had if they could manage to collect taxes on the STRs. Now they have a new revenue stream and a partner in enforcement because of Airbnb.

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