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Los Angeles City Council PLUM Committee  
Jose Huizar, Chair Person  
Marqueece Harris Dawson, Vice Chair  
Bob Blumenfeld  
Mitchell Englander  
Curren Price, Jr.

Re: Council Files 14-1635-S2, 14-1635-S3: Proposed Home-Sharing Ordinance

Dear Councilmembers Huizar, Harris Dawson, Blumenfeld, Englander and Price:

**I live in Lake Hollywood Estates and support the letter of opposition sent by the Lake Hollywood Homeowners Association. I urge you to vote against the proposed homesharing ordinance.** The home on Arrowhead drive, described in that letter, is directly across the street from me. The owners, who recently purchased the house, do not now and have never lived in the house. I see a constant stream of strangers coming to and from the property. It looks and feels like a hotel, not a neighbor. Just as your planning director stated in his October 20<sup>th</sup> report, short term rentals of this sort make this a far less desirable place to live. I have lived in my home since 1979. At times the house across the street has been a rental, but until the current owners purchased a few months ago, all such rentals were long-term traditional rentals with leases in place for a year or more. That is an entirely different situation from the current proposal and situation across the street.

If the city needs more hotel rooms, more hotel taxes or both, then the city should encourage the construction of more hotels. As noted in the Lake Hollywood Homeowners Association letter, new hotels support both construction jobs and long-term jobs.. It is also far easier for the city to track hotels and collect taxes than to track thousands of individual rentals. If individual residence owners need extra income, they can rent out on a long-term basis.

If your committee insists on moving forward with this type of ordinance, you should modify the ordinance to require homesharing applicants to formally notify all owners within 500 feet in all directions and provide proof of the notification to the city. In the case of condominiums, the applicant should be required to notify all condo owners and the board of directors. And the city should modify the ordinance so that only home-hosted rentals are permitted, because only in this way would you reasonably assure that short term rentals do not disrupt a neighborhood or condo community.

Vote NO or modify.

Best regards,  
Jane Goichman