

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Councilmembers: I share my home of 35 years in Venice with travelers from around the world. I am deeply concerned with the haphazard way the City is handling the last-minute launch of the Home Sharing Ordinance. With 3 weeks to the start date, we still don't know how to register, what types of accommodations will be allowed, what type of documentation we will need, or even how much it will cost us. There are still pending motions in the City Council that may change this ordinance. There is a fee study underway that will affect the cost. How can you implement a law that isn't even finalized? What was promised to be a fair and reasonable law that encouraged responsible home sharing and eliminated bad actors is the same rash of draconian and punitive measures the Planning Department unveiled 4 years ago. It is as if you didn't hear a word from the many thousands of people this law adversely impacts. If you truly want to eliminate illegal hotels and absentee vacation rentals, go after them first, not last. With so many unanswered questions, you need to delay the launch of this ordinance until you work out all the details. Thank you, Ed Colman, Venice