

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I understand the RSO is designed to protect renters and rental units in Los Angeles. However, my property is designated RSO due to a certificate of occupancy that was issued in the early 1960's. At that time, the resident operated a medical office out of his home. I have submitted the RSO- Owner Occupied paperwork as I am using the home as my sole residence. Therefore renting out a portion of my home to short term guests does not remove housing from the market. In fact, it ADDS available lodging and contributes positively to the economy. It is critical that I find a permanent workable solution. Since purchasing the home, I suffered a catastrophic stroke and am permanently disabled. My income consists of Social Security Disability. The contribution made by short term renting covers my mortgage. The SSDI that I receive cannot cover my mortgage. This doesn't include the cost of utilities, food, and expenses. My fiancee lives with me. She has cerebral palsy and is also on disability. Together, we are dependent on our homestay guests to stay in our home. Without it, we would lose the home. We are not able to afford rent in Los Angeles, This scenario can be avoided if we could just overcome the dated RSO designation on our home that prevents us from hosting. I am currently using savings to cover my expenses. Obviously, that is NOT a long term solution. At some point, under the current regulations, we will be forced to relocate out of the area. As someone born in Santa Monica, it's very difficult to leave my hometown, especially under these circumstances. Thanks for your attention and consideration.