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Summary: Current Municipal Code: The rental of a portion of a dwelling for less than 30 days is presently not permitted by the zoning code in the vast majority of the City.

Home-Sharing Hosting Platforms (HSHP) such as AirBNB, either wittingly or unwittingly, skirt these zoning codes as well as other ordinances and regulations pertaining Hotels and Motels causing a loss of revenue to these businesses. Additionally, Hotels and Motels have a whole host of regulatory criteria short-term rental operators currently do not have to meet.

The City of Los Angeles currently suffers from a budget deficit of approximately $250MM, thereby the financial resources to enforce the provisions detailed in the proposed HSO are not available and the HSO would only serve to create an “anything goes” situation.

RSO apartment building owners are converting affordable housing stock into full-time illegal Transient Occupancy Residential Structure by not listing vacant units in the long-term housing market thereby exacerbating the already critical affordable housing crisis facing the city.

Transient guests have little to no compunction to respect long-term residents and property owners, many of whom often complain of loud noise and parties by transient guests.

It is our belief the majority of the LA citizenry are in opposition to allowing home sharing of less than 30 days.

THEREFORE the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council opposes any changes to the existing Municipal Code. While we recognize many property owners are able to supplement their incomes from this type of business model, we maintain similar but lesser results can be achieved by renting those same spaces to long-term tenants thus preserving our city’s housing stock. Instead of spending taxpayer dollars on attempting to find ways to allow these businesses to operate, we would instead recommend finding ways of enforcing existing Municipal Codes that prohibit such uses.

PRESENTED BY: Rachael Rose Luckey
SECONDED BY: David Kahn
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WHEREAS the City of Los Angeles is beginning to consider the continuation of the Coordinated Street Furniture Program (the “Program”); and

WHEREAS Program, as estimated by LA City Watch, brings in less than $4MM a year in revenues putting it on track to under-perform on Program’s original goal of generating a least $100MM over 20 years; and

WHEREAS the advertising being placed on street furniture promotes such things as fast food, sugary drinks, alcohol and violence in film and TV, which we consider to be detrimental to the health and well being of LA City citizenry, and LA City official have the fiduciary duty to protect the health and well being of stakeholders; and

WHEREAS the City of Los Angeles has banned advertisements for alcoholic beverages on city-owned property in an attempt to address evidence pointing to a correlation between alcohol advertising and an increase in underage drinking and other forms of alcohol abuse; and there is strong evidence suggesting advertising of fast food and soft drinks contributes to the epidemic of childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS Program’s contractor has an incentive to place street furniture in locations as are advantageous not to commuters, but in locations it feels are the most advantageous to reach the most desirable audience as evidenced by example of the affluent intersection of Pico Blvd and Motor Ave. where bus shelters are on three of the four corners of the intersection despite light foot traffic.

THEREFORE, the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council (RVNC) opposes the continuation of Program in its current form. Unless substantial changes are made to address these and other publically known community concerns before awarding further contracts to contractor(s), we would strongly urge the Mayor and the City Council to discontinue Program in its entirety.

PRESENTED BY: Rachael Rose Luckey
SECONDED BY: Ziah Grace

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 4 ABSENT: 1 INELIGIBLE: 0

ON THIS DATE: January 20, 2018