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Thank you for your work on the issues regarding home sharing.

I have reviewed the provisional ordinance and am very pleased that regulations are taking shape.

As an Airbnb host I am happy to pay TOT and find this a fair contribution. Registration and safety regulations. are also necessary to ensure standards and protect neighborhoods.

In the 6 years of hosting (4 years in NY & 2 years here) I have been delighted with our guests and all of them have been respectful and quiet.

The peer review system works very well.

Item #3 under section D is worrying to me. This would restrict rental to 90 days per year. I am retired and living on a small fixed income.

I worked very hard to buy this house and would not be able to continue to live in it without the income generated via Airbnb.

My neighbors have never been inconvenienced or impacted. Parking is provided in the driveway and off the street.

I will be at the upcoming hearing and look forward to answering any questions should you have any.

Sincerely

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Department of City Planning City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Room 525 Los Angeles, CA 90012-2601

Dear Los Angeles City Planning Commission:

On behalf of the Consumer Technology Association (CTA)<sup>TM</sup> and our more than 2,200 member companies, I would like to express strong concerns with Draft Ordinance CPC-2016-1243-CA. Of particular concern is Section 3(f), which would create unrealistic requirements for homesharing platforms to police listings.

Internet homesharing platforms enhance consumer choice and offer economic opportunity for individual citizens and communities at large. In fact, 62 percent of Los Angeles Airbnb hosts use homesharing income to help them stay in their home. The listings provided by these hosts on homesharing platforms not only give visitors a greater variety of lodging options – these visitors also typically spend much of their money in local neighborhoods. Last year Airbnb alone is estimated to have supported \$670 million in economic activity in Los Angeles.

Requiring homesharing platforms to play the role of law enforcement by certifying all listings on their sites meet local regulations would violate the spirit of protections Congress applied to online service providers when enacting the Communications Decency Act of 1996 (CDA). CDA Section 230 provides immunity to online intermediaries based on content created by others. In granting intermediaries safe harbor from content posted by users, Congress facilitated the growth of the modern internet.

To hold intermediaries liable would chill innovation and dissuade platforms from hosting online content created by others. For example, if intermediaries such as YouTube, Facebook, Craigslist and Airbnb were held legally responsible for the millions of pieces of content users posted each day, these sites would be operationally crippled.

Due to this potential conflict with federal law and the negative effect on Los Angeles residents' ability to earn extra income from their homes, I urge you to oppose Draft Ordinance CPC-2016-1243-CA as currently written. CTA and our member companies look forward to working with you to ensure Los Angeles remains a top-tier city for innovative technologies such as homesharing.

Sincerely,

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VIA E-MAIL to Leg. Asst. Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org

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Re: Substandard Hillside Limited Streets; Council File 16-0198

Honorable Chairman Huizar and Committee Members:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 45 homeowner and resident associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. The Hillside Federation has long supported additional regulations to address land use and planning issues related to Substandard Hillside Limited Streets, especially those related to construction safety.

The Hillside Federation supports the motion of Councilmembers David Ryu and Paul Koretz (CF 16-0198) to have DOT and Planning prepare a map of all Substandard Limited Hillside Streets, and to report back to PLUM with recommendations to mitigate construction impacts on such streets, including a thorough review of public safety impacts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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