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To whom it may concern,

I had an opportunity to speak on behalf of my family at the last public ordinance meeting in downtown Los Angeles and appreciate you reading my follow up email.

At the meeting I was really impacted by the personal stories like my own of people struggling to pay their bills. AirBNB has given us an opportunity to pay our mortgage in a very expensive city.

AirBNB gave my family the chance to pay back our debts after nearly losing our home in 2008. We have a separate guest cottage with no kitchen in an area of Los Angeles with no real hotels. Home sharing has given us an opportunity to meet people from all over the world and give them the gift of seeing a real Los Angeles neighborhood. We provide lists of the "go to" local businesses and we support our local community.

I am opposed to the ordinance that would restrict the number of days per calendar year that we would be allowed to home share, 90 or 120 days simply does not make it possible for us to subsidize our income and pay our debts, and most likely force us to sell our home.

I hope you will consider that there are so many families that this particular ordinance will effect. The media only publicizes the big money guys who are buying up neighborhoods and keeping renters from having affordable housing.

Please know that a few bad apples should not mean you throw out the bunch.

Thank you for your time.

Kelly Francis

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HOME SHARING ORDINANCE AKA "AIRBNB"
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I am writing regarding the subject CPC/Home Sharing Ordinance that will have a negative impact in Los Angeles Proper, The San Fernando Valley, and all areas governed by the City of Los Angeles.

I am adamantly opposed to this ordinance which is actually "Airbnb" under the guise of "Home Sharing" for the reasons stated below:

1 -- This is a "tax issue" that should go to the people of Los Angeles to vote on. How will these proposed fees and fines be secured when the City squanders money that is set aside for specific projects and purposes. Who will be responsible for enforcement of this proposed ordinance? The City cannot enforce the laws that are on the books now!

2 – The Neighborhood Watch Program would be severely impacted. How would the local Watch Captain “know” who should be in the area and who should not; not to mention the criminal element that may be renting as well as possible sex offenders as well as those who wish to rent a “party house” for the weekend, destroying the owners home as well as the property of adjacent homeowners?

3 – Local Police Departments are at stress levels now. There are not enough police to handle the current crime, robberies, party control, not to mention the more violent crimes. There is no way the PD’s can handle the onslaught that will be created by these so called “renters.”

4 – With these “renters” comes the issue of parking. The streets are already crowded with homeowners parking their vehicles in front of their homes and also the need to have parking for homeowners’ guests. Let’s say someone rents out 4 bedrooms, 2 people each and each one is “individual”, that would be 8 people and 8 cars parking on the streets.

5 – Who would let their children play outside when a neighbor rents their 4 bedroom house with no regard to background check; and there is no way to enforce this no matter what this commission tries to say or do; it is impossible!

6 – Then there is the issue of apartment renters; how will that be controlled and who is to tell a renter that he cannot put his spare bedroom up for Airbnb? In addition, what stops a Section 8 renter from only paying \$200 per month for a \$1200 per month apartment, which tax payers are paying for, from renting out a spare room? How will that be controlled?

7 – Now for the real reason this Ordinance is being presented to generate a “tax source”, otherwise known as “dollars” for the City which is totally unconscionable. This will destroy our residential neighborhoods, the safety of our children, our right to peace and quiet to enjoy our homes and invite in the criminal element, all for the sake of “money”? I for one will NOT stand for it!

I am totally opposed to this Ordinance and ask that you do not support it.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe & Susan Radwan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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