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Honorable Councilmembers:

I live in a single-family residence and I rent out my spare guest house through an online vacation rental service. Renting this space has given me a critically needed source of supplementary income, and I'm writing to respectfully ask that you refrain from implementing any policy that would take that away.

The income I've received from renting out my guest house has been nothing short of a lifeline for me and my family. When the economy crashed and my income was severely limited, my savings were severely decreased. Renting out the extra space in my home has given me the breathing room I needed to regain my financial footing, and except for one guest, I've had nothing but good experiences for the past three years with my guests and neighbors.

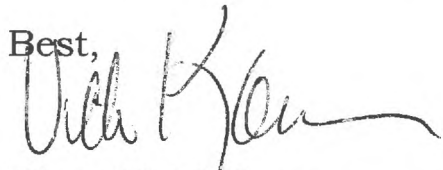
I've seen some of the negative media depictions of short-term renters in LA, and they are simply not what I have experienced. Many of my renters, for instance, are soon-to-be Angelenos needing a temporary place to stay while they wait to move into their new homes. When one of my guests arrives, I set very clear rules and guidelines to ensure the guest understands the importance of being

courteous to my neighbors. None of my guests has ever treated my property or my neighbors with anything but respect.

I know there are many others out there like me – people who depend on short-term rental services to make the extra money they need when they fall on hard times or when their day jobs just aren't enough. Before you make a decision on how to regulate these short-term rental services in LA, I ask that you consider the enormous impact they've had on the quality of life for me, and countless other Angelenos – not just the salacious party-house footage you've seen on TV.

Thank you for considering this matter carefully.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elyse Vicki Komer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Elyse Vicki Komer

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