

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I am writing this note on behalf of my father Jose Martinez. We currently own a duplex in Highland Park. One unit is under RSO and we would like to keep it under RSO. The other unit, my father has occupied for almost 50 years. Late last year, we had to have him hospitalized and then had to place him in Dementia care facility. Since my father is under Medicare and Medicare does not provide for long term care. We listed his unit on Airbnb to pay for his dementia care facility and other costs. It is extremely expensive to pay for 24 hour care. Airbnb has helped us tremendously to help pay for all my father's expenses: dementia care, insurance, taxes, mortgage,maintenance of his property etc....As of November 1st we paid \$89 to register his unit. We were not able to register his unit since the other unit is under RSO Rent Stabilization Ordinance. My father worked many years to own his own home and now we cannot rent on Airbnb to help take care of him. I urge you to reconsider RSO properties that are owner occupied and make allowances to list on Airbnb for owner hardships. Thank you, Angelica & Jessica Martinez