

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Change the Home Sharing Ordinance. Change it before it's too late... We are the children, mothers, daughters, fathers, sons, grandparents of Los Angeles, and we need your help. We may be land owners, but we are tenants too. Tenants of our great city, Los Angeles. We are your voters. We are your voices. We are your constituents. We are the hosts of STR in RSO rentals, RSO under 4 multi unit, ADU, granny flat, vacation home, Mom N' Pop property owners. We keep this city alive and thriving. Help us continue to do so. We come in peace. We come in numbers. We ask to be seen and heard now. When you tell us we cannot STR because of the housing crisis, we say: You will be adding us to the housing crisis. We will lose our duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, our rental apartments, our homes, our newly built ADU's. We will be forced to sell and find alternative cities to live. Why? Because we won't be able to afford them anymore without the help of STR. We take up less than 1% of the housing stock. We are not the problem. When you tell us we cannot STR because we are hurting the hotel industry and it's workers, we say: The hotel industry has only climbed in profit and growth since we became hosts. We employ cleaners. Cleaners that depend on our STR to make ends meet. Cleaners that we pay 2x the minimum wage, sometimes 3x more. Cleaners that we provide flexible hours for and entrepreneurial opportunities. We purchase furniture, linens, supplies, decor at local stores in Los Angeles adding thousands in taxable dollars. We purchase foods from local restaurants and cafes for our guests, increasing the profit and growth of local eateries. We send our guests to our neighborhood spots. We add. We do not take. When you tell us we are a nuisance to the neighborhoods, we say: We are responsible practicing hosts, caring and thoughtful. We've added over \$100 million dollars to the Los Angeles annual budget. We could say: We work for the city. We have worked hard. We have toiled and taken seriously our duties and our neighborhoods benefit from our STR. When you tell us we don't want the party house, we say: Neither do we. Not at all. That's why we go above and beyond to monitor and respect our communities. We put up exterior property cameras, monitor noise levels, keep strict house rules and do guest counts. We are in constant communication with our property guests. Any non STR home or apartment can be a party house. If anything, we

are more concerned and vigilant about no parties than a non STR homeowner who loves to throw big bashes every weekend. We are devoted to maintaining a peaceful and respectful relationship with our neighborhood. Stop hurting us. Instead regulate the satellite hotels. Stop ignoring us. Instead pay attention to the simple solution: Apply the exact same STR HSO structuring California applies to California Real Estate Law. 4 and Under. 4 and under is residential. Mom and Pop. Boutique. Elegant. Heartfelt and Intimate. Above 4 is commercial. Satellite hotels. Commercial real estate. Commercially managed. Professional. Allow STR hosts to host in any 4 and under dwellings, including secondary residences, vacation homes and RSO. Simple. 4 units okay. 4 listings okay. Above 4 not okay. That means duplexes, triplexes, Fourplexes, Single Family Homes, ADUs, RSO or not. If it's got an address it's okay. And four listings and under. It's okay. Regulation becomes streamlined. Easy. Smart. Profitable. Fair. "No More Above Four" No more above four means: No more bad apples. No more satellite hotels. No more 40 unit apartment complexes turned into STR. No more impacted tenants. No more evictions by the greedy and unfair. No more commercial STR. Then we can all take a big sigh of relief. Tenants are protected. Owners are protected. Los Angeles gets incredible extra funding. Shop owners flourish. Hotels continue to profit. Everyone wins. The LA county thrives and so do it's citizens. We ask you to amend the HSO. Make it simple. No need to register. No need to burden the city with more red tape. Make it a simple regulation: A host may STR in 1-4 units of any legal dwelling. If they STR a rental unit they must get permission from their landlord. No registration. No separate vacation residence ordinance. No threatening deadlines of enforcement. No confusion. Any STR above 4 listings is illegal. Sites remove any more than 4 units or dwellings. Done! So please, amend the Home Sharing Ordinance. Please do it now. Please, before it's too late. Before we lose our RSO and non RSO, apartments, duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, homes, adus, granny flats and secondary homes. Because, we cannot afford to keep them without STR. And you cannot afford to not help. Our great city will lose precious annual budget funding, valuable homeowners, income property owners and small business assistance, if the HSO stays as is. Amend, and defend your Los Angelenos with "NO MORE ABOVE FOUR".

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Oreet Rees  
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