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Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion.

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Name: Aron

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Comments for Public Posting: I completely support this motion! By expediting this case it helps to keep myself and many other freelancers, a job. As we all know living in Los Angeles can be challenging, especially with the economy changing on a daily basis with our country. This company helps not only homeowners but also laborers to keep the capital flow in this state! Thank you

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Name: Benjamin Speed & Blanca Lista

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Comments for Public Posting: Myself, Benjamin Speed and my wife Blanca Lista are home owners of a 1350 sqft, 2 unit multi-family, RSO dwelling where we use and live in both units in effect as our single family home. We have never rented any of these units out as long term rentals and we never intend to either. My wife, our child and I live in the two bedroom 900 sqft apartment and our extended family lives for between one quarter and three quarters of the year, depending on our circumstances in the other 450 sqft, one bedroom apartment. I myself have to travel overseas for work, sometimes for long periods and my wife's parents come and help to take care of our child during those times, and also visit at other times during the year. In the periods of time when our extended families are not staying with us we have been using short term home staying such as Airbnb to help to supplement our income and most importantly help to pay our mortgage. We recently tried to register our listing with the city only to find out that our home is an RSO building. We were not aware of this fact simply because we are not landlords and only became aware because of the registration process telling us we fall under the RSO provision. Then we thought since we are not intending to rent any of our units ever, that if we do an Ellis Act application then that would free us to be able to legally list our address as a short term rental. We then found out this evening at a Housing Dept information evening that this would render our property ineligible for short term rental for a period of 5 years. This then brings us to the fact that come November 1st we will no longer be allowed to do any short term hosting at all. This in effect will cut our household income by at least 20-25% and put us in danger of not being able to afford the mortgage on our family home. In this circumstance, and by the nature of my work I may even have to take a permanent overseas position to both help our family keep our house and help provide for my family. Our son is starting school next year and this is going to effect our options for his education, as our financial reality under these circumstances will render us only able to apply for our local elementary school, which by virtue of our home's location and school zone, unfortunately is a <5/10 school on the goodschools.org rating (Last I checked it was 3/10). I'm not sure many families would be happy that due to a forced financial hardship on the part of a city ordinance, that that would be their

main choice of education for their children, other than school lottery systems. I'm not sure many families would be happy with the possibility of an essentially permanent separation of parents due to financial hardship either. Not many relationships could sustain under these situations, for obvious reasons. As I did just attend a Housing Dept information evening on the Home Sharing Ordinance, I also noted that there were many other people in the same situation as our family, and they felt unduly and unfairly punished by the provisions of the first Home Sharing Ordinance. Some people there were even seriously considering suing the city for unfair discrimination on owner occupied RSO dwellings over single family residence owners. I myself think this is extreme but I can understand for people who are in worse situations as my family, like an elderly, disabled low-income man at the Housing Dept information evening tonight who had an owner occupied RSO that will also not be allowed to do any short term rentals and stated that he will lose more than 2/3 of his yearly income because of it. I felt so incredibly sorry for him, and thought that under these provisions, his pathway is to homelessness. As far as being short term hosts, we fit in to the exemplary category. We have no complaints, no parties, keep everything quiet and homely, just like we like it and just as our community is. As far as as being advocates for allowing owner occupied RSO dwellings to have short term rentals, we are clearly and emphatically in favor, and implore any and all council members considering not supporting this amendment to please reconsider for families like ours and people even worse off than us. Thank you for your time in reading this and I hope it helps you to either reaffirm your positive stance in allowing owner occupied RSO dwellings to do short term rentals, or reconsider your negative view point toward this revision. Thanks so much Benjamin Speed and Blanca Lista