

## Communication from Public

**Name:** KJ Smith

**Date Submitted:** 10/22/2019 03:40 PM

**Council File No:** 18-1245

**Comments for Public Posting:** 80% of all rental units in LA are in pre-1979 RSO renters. This ordinance discriminates against tenants, affording homeowners privileges it denies the vast majority of renters. It allows the most privileged -- those who can afford the median price home at \$849,000, over the renter who may scramble to cover the median rental cost of a one-bedroom at \$2525/month. The claim that this ordinance is to protect tenants or affordable housing is disingenuous at best. It does exactly the opposite. As a part-time unpaid caregiver for my over-90 parents, if I can no longer host in my RSO home while I am away, it means I either have to put my folks in the least expensive nursing home I can find, or leave Los Angeles, where I've lived for nearly 30 years, and give up my current home of 10 years. You will make me choose between my home and my parents. What benefit is that to the city? This doesn't open up any units to other tenants. It means those units sit empty while those tenants are out of town, making neighborhoods less safe, not more. On the other hand, my guests, who are almost all either former residents of my neighborhood or visiting friends and family there, come and go discreetly, spend money at local restaurants, shops and other businesses. I pay 12% TOT, the same as any major hotel chain (which is arguably unfair to mom and pop hosts). That is of considerable benefit to the city. If an owner of an RSO fourplex, triplex or duplex wants to allow an RSO renter to sublet short term when they are away, why should the city insert itself into that conversation? Supporting those renter-hosts is the family-friendly, pro-small business thing to do. Favoring owners with big pockets who can afford one or more homes in LA is just the kind of thinking that has made Los Angeles largely unaffordable to the middle and working classes. Please revise the ordinance to allow renters in RSO buildings of four or less units to continue to host out of the primary residence, so they may stay in their homes to take care of their elderly parents, meet their medical bills, or help freelancers meet their bills between jobs. If you want to protect affordable housing in LA, this is not the way to do. It will have the exact opposite effect. To exclude RSO renters from the homesharing economy is to discriminate against an entire class of people, a move that invites a class action lawsuit, and -- bottom line, is just plain elitist and unfair.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Many people who do not abuse the policy rely on Air BNB in order to meet the high cost of living

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stacey Storey

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I feel like as a house owner and/or tenant, I should have the say as to whom gets to stay in my place regardless of when it was built (RSO). Airbnb has saved my life and my family's life. I had cancer years ago and had it not been for Airbnb, I would literally be homeless. The income we make from our guest home keeps us afloat in a very expensive city. I help my friends out who own homes and who like having their additional spaces occupied with guests. I help them provide a gorgeous, fun, and safe guest home and it allows them to pay for chemotherapy (as in one case) or make ends meet, as in most cases.