

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in regards to all Home Sharing services and the ordinances that are being implemented and motioned. As hosts for Airbnb, these ordinances and restrictions have damaging effects on our livelihood. Being a host allows homeowners to create positive supplemental income. In a lot of cases, it is the only income that some people receive. In my situation, it has helped me and my husband to remain in our home- the ability to pay our mortgage. If we as hosts are only allowed to do short-rentals 120 days out of the year, this puts a terrible strain on our finances for 8 months out of the year. To pay \$850/year to apply to rent throughout the year is also detrimental. We are not contributing to the lack of housing in the city. On the contrary, we are offering an alternative to those who choose to get to know Los Angeles from a residential view as far as visiting the city. It is the continual escalation of rent that is contributing to houseless-ness, and greedy real estate developers. The hotel industry is not being hurt by the existence of home sharing either, as they would like for others to believe. They, too have decided to get into the vacation rental business as well. Hotels will continue to provide certain necessary services to that do not compete with home sharing. Here are the positive benefits of Home Sharing for the city of LA: We as hosts pay Occupancy Tax to the city. We are contributing in bringing in more tourists, especially internationally, which helps the tourism business in the city. We recommend sites, entertainment, and restaurants which builds commerce. We are able to provide jobs and income for housekeeping businesses, lawn services, and house repair services. Consider the domino effect of the decisions that are being made against all home sharing services. Thank you.