

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** To Whom It May Concern, I am the owner and occupant, along with my two sons, of our home for more than 20 years. It is located in Los Angeles, covered under the RSO ordinance. Therefore, I am prevented from obtaining a permit to rent a room in my house for periods shorter than 30 days. I am addressing this to urge you to start granting exemptions so that owners in my situation can pull the required permit. I am a single mother, widow, supporting two children through college completely by myself, and need this income to make ends meet. My costs have gone up, while my income has gone down. I used to rent it through the Airbnb platform and the income it generated was a very useful and a significant component in our budget. Since November 1st I had to switch my listing to longer-than-30-days stays and it's been vacant. I urge you to give this matter attention and grant people in my situation an exemption in order to obtain the required permit so I can resume offering it for short term rental. I have an exceptional rating, and have been listed as a superhost for most of the time. I have never once had a hosting-related problem that affected any of my neighbors. I should be able to have who I want in my place under my own terms. I don't own multiple properties. This is not a property being taken off the market. This is about my spare bedroom, which I've used to house friends, family members, etc. I should be afforded the flexibility to rent it out when I don't have friends or family members visiting me, or use it for whatever purpose I want. I need this income to pay my mortgage and this has no effect on the housing crisis in this town. My room will not ever be home to anybody currently living on the street. Right now, I am hurting financially, short of a significant portion of my monthly income since November, and it looks like nobody knows when this will end. What does being in an RSO vs. non-RSO zone have anything to do with renting a room within the house? I do not think that we are contributing in any way whatsoever to this housing crisis that we all live in. This DOES NOT make any sense! Thank you