

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dawn Fleischman  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** To whom it may concern, I have been a Venice resident for 24 years. I bought my duplex in 2002, live in one unit and rented to a long term tenant for many years. About 5 years ago my tenant moved out. For the few years before that my mother was having major health issues, as I am her only family member and caretaker I had to periodically stop working to take care of her in her home in Northern California. This was a major financial hit as I basically had a total loss of income which put me into debt and struggling to pay the bills. When my tenant moved out I took that as an opportunity to move my mother into my 2nd unit. This way she could be close to me, get the medical attention she needed and I would still be able to work. Airbnb has allowed me to keep my home, my job and allowed my mother to get the proper medical care she needs. I am able to rent short term when she is able to live on her own at her home Northern California but I have the flexibility to have her here at a moments notice when things are not so good or she needs medical treatment. For this reason alone I will never rent my additional unit long term again because I need to be able to have her here with me. Please don't limit my ability to rent part of the duplex I own and live in as a short term rental. I am not a corporation, I have never had a complaint about my Airbnb guests and I'm just trying to survive without having to uproot my life and sell my home. Because we live on the property we meet almost every guest we have and usually have almost daily interaction with them. We see ourselves as ambassadors of our neighborhood. We are very active in our community and our guests are inspired to do so as well. We have a recommendation book filled with local restaurants, shops and activities. Our guests love feeling like locals in Venice and truly embrace the community. Another bonus is that our home has become a resting spot for many of our neighbor's families. We have hosted neighbor's families for many births, weddings, holidays, graduations, vacations, medical procedures and even surprise visits. Many people prefer to be in a home where they can feel at home, have privacy, cook, do laundry, or walk to local shops and feel like a local. We love being able to do this allowing them to be within a few blocks of their family. Please allow the short term rental of RSO's of 4 or fewer units. We are not ghost operators, we live here in a tiny duplex and are just trying to get by.

Lumping us in with corporations taking advantage of STR's will only hurt our local economy and possibly force us to sell our home. Thank you very much for your time, DAWN FLEISCHMAN Venice Homeowner 213.300.5033

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heather Carson  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support Mitch's motion for the pilot study.