

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As an owner of a owner occupied 4-Plex in Hollywood, I would like appeal to the council members regarding the issue of short term rentals in RSO 1-4 unit owner occupied units. I am a single mother of two children and I have owned my property since 2002. I have always struggled with the upkeep and maintenance of the property, and making ends meet with one income. I started out sharing my home to B&B guests as a way to make extra money when times were hard. Today, my 4 units are a mix of long term tenants and short term guests, who interact with and enjoy each others company. My short term guests add to the economy of Hollywood, frequenting local businesses and restaurants, and the whole area, which used to be extremely run down, is undergoing revitalization. I have never received a complaint regarding noise or disturbance from the neighbors, all of whom are aware that some of my tenants are actually short term guests. The extra money that my short terms guests have provided, have allowed me send both of my children to college and start to upgrade and improve my property. To take away this extra income, would cause considerable financial distress and cause my property to fall back into disrepair. I urge the council members to consider the impact that banning short term rentals would have on struggling home owners like myself. While I understand the issues involved in making this decision, I suggest a potential compromise allowing existing STR hosts of 1-4 units (owner occupied) to be grandfathered in. Thank you in advance for your consideration.