

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My wife and I have lived in our duplex since 1985. We have owned it since 1988. We are retired and have for years struggled with how to make ends meet. We are both living on Social Security. We have not had a tenant for some time now. We use both sides of the home - still a small home with both units combined. We have for the last six months started to rent one side short term. Since May we have actually begun to relax a little, certain ends will be met and we won't have to use what little we have in savings to fill a gap till the next SS check. While still having use of the whole house if we choose. We have cleaners, handymen, contractors and more working for us on a regular basis. Fixing things, maintaining things. And the folks who've stayed with us - every single one of them would not be able to vacation in LA otherwise. Those folks go out and spend their money - from Universal City Walk to Disney to the Getty to Chinatown to Santa Monica. They go everywhere! We are not causing any problems for our neighbors or the neighborhood. We are located on a main avenue with our own ample off street parking so no one around us is effected in any way at all. That is as important to us as making certain someone staying in our place is safe and comfortable. We are actually enjoying having different guests from around the world stay with us. So it's not only us making a bit of money (and believe me I'm not talking about a lot of money, I'm talking about enough for my wife and me to breathe a little easier - just a little). It's all the people we meet and all the folks who work to keep things going and the businesses who benefit from our guests vacation money. One thing I would like to note: in the six months we are renting short term, we have paid TOT taxes twice what we pay a year in property taxes. This means on a yearly basis, if we were allowed to continue short term rentals, we will be paying the City of Los Angeles over four times what we pay in property taxes - plus our property taxes. So I don't understand what the reason is to stop me from doing something with my property that I believe is so beneficial to everyone and is my right it would seem. I am writing this because my wife and I are at a point where if we cannot rent short term, if we cannot make that little bit more - just enough to relax a little, my wife will be forced to sell our home and move out of Los Angeles. I am 68. My wife is 78. I know a move to where we do not know will

not be good for either of us. I fear what it will do to my wife.