

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello - I'm frightened for how the existing ordinance will affect me if vacation rentals are not considered separately. In 2005, before I started Airbnb, I had a job in LA which required extensive travel. During those trips my house was robbed and vandalized several times. A whole street gang moved into it for two weeks once, stole my identity and everything else down to the towels. They waited until I refurnished then robbed it again. It became known as an easy target among the criminal set and it was constantly broken into. The police were of no help. My next door neighbor, a single mother terrified of the continued criminal activity, begged me to find a way to protect her family's safety and the safety of the neighborhood. I thought about Airbnb'ing. That same month I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I took a leave from my LA job to go home to NY for treatment and be near my family. I still needed my LA house as a place to get away from the sadness of my life. But the house was still empty when I wasn't there. Before long, I lost my job and fell into a depression. When my savings were gone I couldn't meet my house payments. I was in a state of emergency and I had no choice but to Airbnb. Short term rentals solved all of my problems: a) The house was no longer empty for stretches, making my block safer. b) My frightened neighbor was now making money as the property manager. c) I could keep my residency in NY to retain my health coverage and my doctors at Sloane Kettering. d) i could still emotionally regenerate in my beloved LA home. e) Making my house payments was possible. I understand the gravity of the affordable housing shortage in LA, but putting my house out for rent wouldn't help a low income family. My mortgage and taxes are high. The house itself is worth 1M today. The rent would be at least \$3500 a month which is by no means "affordable housing". The results of the ordinance in my case would be the opposite of the ordinance's goal: a) Somebody rich would move into my house. b) My neighbor would lose her job. c) I would, in effect, be facing a kind of eviction from my own house. e) I would have to either sell the house or permanently leave NY - which would mean losing my doctors and family support system. Please consider a) differentiating homes that would not be added to the affordable housing stock b) are actually in use as vacation rentals by the owner It's the only one I have, I'm not a developer with a

rogue hotel empire. I'm an LA taxpayer who loves the city and the only dream I have for my retirement is to enjoy the house I own. I use it 3-4 months out of the year. That's normal for a vacation home. Please don't make me chose between selling it or upending my whole life and relocating full time to LA. Thank you