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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose proposal 18-1246, which would allow Los Angeles homeowners with a second apartment or home in LA to use that home for short-term rentals. If the city is concerned, as it rightly should be, about removing long-term rental housing stock from the market, vacation rentals must be eliminated. These homes and apartments could be going to renters in need of housing, and the additional supply could help keep housing costs down for renters. It makes no sense for the city to prohibit tenants in rent-stabilized units from hosting guests in their primary residence when they go out of town -- something which takes no long-term units off the market -- and then turn around and allow those who are privileged enough to afford two homes in the high-priced LA market to use one, a non-primary residence, for short term rentals. This action would underscore the perception that the city's priority is to privilege the minority of Angelenos who are homeowners and discriminate against the majority who are renters, most of whom are in older housing that falls under the rent stabilization ordinance. I urge you to vote no to 18-1247 and yes to 18-1246 allowing Angelenos in rent stabilized buildings of 4 or fewer units rent their primary residences when out of town, or a second bedroom in their home.