

Dear Honorable Councilmember O'Farrell—

My wife & I have lived ~~and~~ owned property in Silver Lake for more than 20 years. ~~For~~ Nine years ago we started renting one of our units as a vacation rental. It amazed us how ~~much~~ successful & in demand our little unit was. In the years since then we have added a few more spaces to what we have to offer visitors to our area. ~~As~~ In the process, we have heard many stories of how our ~~vacation~~ short term rentals have helped our Silver Lake neighbors & the community in general. ~~Here~~ Below are some of the things we have ~~seen~~ heard from people.

- Many of our guests ~~are~~ have come to visit their kids' relatives who live in the area. Often we are actually contacted by the ~~local~~ ^{local residents} themselves - looking ~~for~~ for housing for their ~~grand~~ parents so that they have a place to stay while visiting their grandkids. ~~Before~~ ~~some~~ ~~time~~ ~~ago~~ ~~we~~ ~~heard~~ ~~of~~ ~~people~~ ~~who~~ ~~wouldn't~~ ~~be~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~visit~~ ~~if~~ ~~it~~ ~~weren't~~ ~~for~~ ~~our~~ ~~place~~. We have guests who have ~~at~~ come back annually ~~for~~ since 2013 because their kids live on a stair street & the grandfather, a former physics professor at Princeton, ~~is~~ ~~unable~~ ~~to~~ ~~climb~~ ~~stairs~~ ~~because~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~stroke~~ ~~he~~ ~~suffered~~. Our place has been a reliable & comfortable place to spend 3 weeks each winter ~~where~~ where he can visit & celebrate birthdays with the grandkids. ~~Every~~ ~~month~~ ~~we~~ ~~hear~~ ~~more~~ ~~stories~~ ~~as~~ ~~our~~ ~~guests~~ ~~tell~~ ~~us~~ ~~how~~ ~~our~~ ~~place~~ ~~provides~~ ~~just~~ ~~what~~ ~~they~~ ~~need~~ ~~to~~ ~~visit~~ ~~their~~ ~~kids~~ ~~&~~ ~~grandkids~~.

Frequently we are contacted by neighbors needing a place to stay while their home is tented, their apartment is repaired or ~~that~~ their place is painted. Vacation rentals answer their needs in ways that the limited number of hotels in the area can't.

Our vacation rentals have also had a significant economic impact. We have employed several cleaners at any given time for the last 8 years.

more than \$200,000 in Lodging Taxes. And we have been able to ~~use~~
~~use~~ higher local contractors & tradespeople to make more
than \$400,000 in improvements to our properties.

Throughout our time as hosts we have ~~endeavored~~ to
~~neighbors to extend~~ put considerable effort into maintaining
strong connections with our neighbors. Though we don't live
on the property, I am around constantly & all my neighbors
have my cell number in case anything were to come up.

We are committed to ~~the area~~ serving the neighborhood
of the city. We ask you to support regulations that allow
for accountable & positive management of our properties
as vacation rentals.

Thank you for your consideration,

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