

RE: Council File 18-1246

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All,

I am sorry - I hadn't referenced the Council File in the subject line of the below email.

So, resending with that info in the subject line.

Thank you!

Laura

On Sun, Apr 28, 2019 at 8:55 PM Brett and Laura <2ts.twice@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Members of the PLUM Committee

I am an advocate of finding sustainable solutions to create more affordable housing in major metropolitan areas. I worked at a college in the Bay Area and the expensive housing market made it very difficult for our students, since they often had to work one or two jobs while going to school or live in cars in order to also support their education. In fact, in my role, I advanced close to 1000 beds of new student housing, including the first pilot of "micro-units" for students in San Francisco.

While I am deeply supportive of finding solutions to the affordable housing challenge, however, the solution has to be robust and integrated... And, as a homeowner in Los Angeles, I believe the new short term rental ordinance that does not include second homes/vacation homes is insufficient and concerning.

Vacation homes (which may be investment properties for some) will not generally be put on the long-term rental market as a result of the new short-term rental ordinance. This is because people who own vacation homes want the ability to drop in for a week, or even a few days, of vacation here and there. Therefore, a policy that precludes short-term rentals for these properties does not accomplish the key goals of increasing affordable housing. Instead, it provides less flexibility for the homeowner, it takes way tax revenue from the city, and it takes away from the experience of visitors (some of whom prefer the experience of being in a home with the ability to cook, have more room to spread out in a private setting, etc.).

I am not suggesting a "free-for-all" for vacation homes. It seems there should still be limitations -- short term rentals of vacation homes / second homes (which may be investment properties for some) could easily be limited to single family homes, hosts that are in good standing with the city (have a current business license), and do not cause nuisance to the immediate neighbors.

I do not live in LA but do get to my property from time to time for a short visit. My husband and I both work at non-profits and rely on the income that our property generates to supplement our non-profit incomes...

I am also wondering when the committee plans to advance a proposal for allowing short-term rental of second homes in Los Angeles, and would appreciate any updates you can provide. Since I do not live in town it is difficult for me to track what is going on with the new ordinance and whether there will be further changes to it prior to July 1. I look forward to an update from you.

Thank you for considering my position. I appreciate the important work that you are doing, and that any solution is complex and not without nuance.

Best,
Laura Hazlett

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