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From: Dawn Fleischman <venicedawn@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Sep 27, 2017 at 2:00 PM

Subject: CF 1635-S2

To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

Dear Mrs. Armstrong,

I am writing in response to the proposed restrictions on short term rentals in Los Angeles. I have owned my home in Venice for the last 15 years with my partner and we have both been Venice residents for over 22 years. We own and live in our Duplex as our primary residence. I am a DP/Camera Operator and my partner works as a Camera Assistant and is an Artist. We both work freelance in the Entertainment Industry.

I am writing to let you know that we are very much opposed to the 180 day maximum short term rental restriction and the complete removal of RSO units for the STR market.

Three years ago my mother had some major health problems, which forced me to move to northern California to take care of her, as I have no siblings and she is on a limited income. This was our only choice. In order to do this i couldn't work for 3 months. 2.5 years later I am still recovering from this financial hardship. Soon after my mother had sufficiently recovered my tenant moved out of my rental unit. At this point I took the opportunity to have my mother move in. This way she can be close by and I can take care of her without losing work and possibly having to sell my home I have worked so hard for. She now does not need daily care and can live on her own so she has moved back to northern California. She still has to come to LA periodically for medical reasons and if something happens to her again I need the flexibility to be able to have her stay in my additional unit. Air Bnb has allowed me that option. I will never be able to rent my additional unit full time again, because I need it for her. Sadly my Aunt suddenly was diagnosed with cancer last year. This also allows her a place to stay when she comes to LA for her Cancer treatments and surgeries.

Hosting on Air Bnb and doing short term rentals has been one of the best things to ever happen to us. It has been so rewarding and we love hosting people from literally all over the world. In our 2 1/2 years hosting we have never had one complaint from a neighbor or guest. I am very upfront with my neighbors and I always encourage them to let me know if they ever have any complaints or concerns. We've had nothing but positive feedback. They actually love what we do and love to hear stories about who we have and where they are from. We have a very thorough guest book encouraging our guest to eat and shop locally. We are always complimented on how much help our local advise and recommendations are. Because of the lack of hotels in Venice, we are often thanked by guest for opening our home and told that they would not be able to stay in Venice if it wasn't for people like us.

We have strict rules that every guest must agree to before staying with us. We respect the neighbors and the neighborhood and we take that very seriously. Our guests treat our home and this neighborhood like it is their home. Since we live on the property, we interact with every guest. We are there when they arrive, when they leave and for anything in between.

Without the flexibility to rent my additional unit on the STR Market, my reality is that I might have to sell my home and consider a whole new career as I would most likely have to move out of LA.

Please take in to account all of the STR categorized as RSO's are not apartment buildings with absentee hosts or corporations running them. They are homeowners, long time residents, families, artists, retirees, freelancers, empty nesters and entrepreneurs just trying to live. We are normal people just trying to get by. Because of the gentrification of Venice it is making it harder and harder to live here unless you are a mega millionaire. We are not destroying our neighborhood we are preserving it.

Best,
Dawn Fleischman

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From: **valerie harris** <vharris0042@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Sep 27, 2017 at 4:17 PM

Subject: AIRBNB

To: CityClerk@lacity.org

I'm writing to discourage the city of Los Angeles from interfering with and regulating Airbnb hosts and guests. I beseech the county and city government to continue to collect the appropriate taxes from Airbnb and drop the timelimits on number of days that the host can rent their home. I wish to influence the local governments' direction on this and debunk alleged "issues" that are referenced. I also call out the hoteliers and Realtors for publishing trumped-up whining and spin. Here are some things to consider.

Hoteliers, like any business, should not have government protection from more nimble competition. They offer a more sumptuous or regulated experience. Airbnb serves thousands of other visitors who want a different experience. There is no honest need to discourage a hosteling system that is a wonderfully functional win-win-win for so many. The Internet and nimble sharing economy will continue to grow in our lifetimes; why discourage prosperous participation and grassroots economy? There may be some complaints, but there is tons of praise.

Couchsurfing.org and other similar sites have been around as long as the Internet, and before the Internet in other forms. People have peacefully couch-surfed and home-shared in the US and the world for years, parking their cars and utilizing rooms and non-rooms of all sizes, time stays and zoning categories. This fact alone should prove that all the hype now is only because the sharing economy of Airbnb generates a covetable revenue stream.

My husband Blair and I took on airbnb renters to enable us to own a home near Blair's work. Without this income we could not afford a home in this area. We take motts of the money from room rentals and pay taxes and upkeep on the home. We earn about \$3000 per month and pay the all the appropriate taxes on the monies earned. Without this income, it would be a struggle to make ends meet. Again, we beseech you not to impose regulations to minimize the number of days.

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