

Fwd: Against the Ban on Short Term Rentals

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Thu, Dec 6, 2018 at 10:13 AM

From: **The Blush House** <blushhouse@att.net>

Date: Wed, Dec 5, 2018 at 7:08 PM

Subject: Against the Ban on Short Term Rentals

To: <jose.huizar@lacity.org>, <Councilmember.Huizar@lacity.org>, <CityClerk@lacity.org>, <Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org>, <Councilmember.Price@lacity.org>, <Councilmember.Harris-Dawson@lacity.org>, <Councilmember.Blumenfield@lacity.org>

Hello PLUM Committee,

I am writing to urge you against banning vacation rentals in Los Angeles.

We respectfully run an AirBnB which contributes greatly to the local economy and also supports an extra stream of income which allows our family members to remain in Los Angeles and contribute to the city's arts community and events scene, of which we have always been a significant part. It has become increasingly difficult to do so and our AirBnB is a help to get by.

Our AirBnB was registered with the city from the start, we file our Occupancy Tax forms monthly, and our rental is run with extreme consideration of our neighborhood. We stringently enforce high standards to do so: carefully screened guests, no smoking, no parties, quiet hours, and several reminders about respecting our neighbors and street. Our neighbors have never had one instance to complain because we are on-site to keep a close watch to make sure our guests' stay is enjoyable for them, and "invisible" to everyone else.

We regularly employ cleaning crews, handymen, plumbers, electricians, and gardeners to maintain the property, and spend consistently and locally on supplies and décor. Our guests are often working creatives, business people, international tourists, and families, here in L.A. to do business and spend vacation money—from transportation to food to shopping, and more. Everyone contributes to our city's prosperity and we are happy to offer a place where guests feel at home and can use amenities they prefer during a stay—it is an experience far different from a hotel.

We are vehemently opposed to a ban on vacation rentals in any regard, as well as a max on days and extra fees, which would ruin our AirBnB and drastically change our ability to continue being part of the arts community which makes Los Angeles thrive. It should be our right as life-long residents of Los Angeles to earn income through renting what we own, especially when we contribute so greatly to property and occupancy taxes.

We ask that any legislation takes into special consideration already-established, responsibly-maintained rentals with strong records. We understand the problems that many AirBnBs cause through owner and tenant negligence, but ours is not one of them, and we do not want to be punished for others' heedlessness. With AirBnB and other rental services bringing nearly millions of dollars annually into the city, our contributions should be used to subsidize more affordable housing through the city.

The restrictions set forth in the current proposal will wipe out our ability to run a quiet, economy-boosting, responsible small business which helps us survive in Los Angeles. Please consider carefully.

Thank you,

The Roth Family
Silverlake, CA

Fwd: Short-Term Rental Ordinance Fees File # 14-163552

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From: **Ed Colman** <edcol52@gmail.com>
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Subject: Short-Term Rental Ordinance Fees File # 14-
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Cc: <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>, <councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org>, <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, Councilmember Mike Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, <councilmember.englander@lacity.org>, <councilmember.fuentes@lacity.org>, <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, <councilmember.huizar@lacity.org>, <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, <councilmember.ryu@lacity.org>, <councilmember.koretz@lacity.org>, <Councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org>, <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, <councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, <lynell.washington@lacity.org>, <Gerald.Gubatan@lacity.org>, <amy.ablakat@lacity.org>, <cityclerk@lacity.org>, <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

Dear Councilman Bonin

My wife and I share a guest room in our home of 35 years in Venice as a Short-term rental. We support fair and sensible regulation of the short-term rental market.

I lost my job 6 years ago and depend on revenue from our guest room as the primary source of our income.

We are encouraged that you have included a way for hosts to continue to share their homes 365 days a year. Thank you for listening to us on that issue.

However, it is imperative that the registration process be simple and straightforward and the fees to do so be MODEST. The additional fee to lift the proposed 120-day cap must be reasonable and affordable, not the \$850 in the current proposal. Councilman Huizar seemed to pluck that number from thin air without any connection to actual costs, as the council has not seen fit to undertake a fee study to determine what those costs might be,

If the initial registration fee for home sharing is set at \$89 for the first 120 days, why not double the extended home sharing fee to \$179 for the additional 245 days as that is the same "per day" amount. This is a fairer and affordable alternative for hosts who depend on the income from their homes for economic survival.

I also urge you to reconsider the per-night surcharge. This could amount to more than \$1,500 per year for hosts who share their homes year-round and does nothing to protect housing stock, eliminate bad actors, or preserve neighborhoods. It only imposes severe financial hardship on thousands of hosts like me who are only trying to make ends meet.

You have the opportunity to craft a fair and sensible ordinance that will eliminate the commercial operators, absentee owners, speculators and investors who have exploited home-sharing for their personal economic gain. It must also encourage the individual home-sharing resident, who provides tremendous economic benefit to all, rather than penalize them with intrusive regulations and outrageous fees.

I understand there are still many details to be worked out to finalize this ordinance. Please keep the above in mind as you move forward.

Sincerely,

Ed Colman, Venice
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Fwd: Council File #CF 14-1635-S2 and 14-1635-S3

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