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Fwd: Counsel file#14-1635-S2

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From: **baderhowar** <bay291@gmail.com>
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Subject: Counsel file#14-1635-S2
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org
Cc: etta.armstrong@lacity.org, sharon.dickson@lacity.org

Dear Council Member Huizar,

I'm writing this email to you for no limits made on short term rentals. As a single mother and freelance worker I've had rent out room or my entire house for short periods of time in order to pay for repairs, property taxes and food for my kids. My business has been down %60 since 2008 and without this extra money I would lose my house and have to go on welfare. My renting situation does not take away a long term rental property from the market nor do my guests ever disturb my neighbors. Please consider those of us whose very existence can be threatened or compromised by these proposed short term rental restrictions.

Thank you very much.
Elizabeth Howard

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Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

From: **Rebekah Paul** <rpaul9578@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 26, 2017 at 12:04 PM
Subject: Council File Number: 14-1635-S2
To: "councilmember.huizar@lacity.org" <councilmember.huizar@lacity.org>
Cc: "etta.armstrong@lacity.org" <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>, "sharon.dickinson@lacity.org" <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

Dear council member Huizar,

One thing I don't see being discussed in all the rhetoric about short-term rentals, is that the people who use Airbnb are NOT the same people that would stay in a hotel. They are typically young, 20-somethings who live in countries that are accustomed to traveling more frequently than we are. They save and save and save to come here and need cheap accommodations, but then spend in the retail stores and restaurants. I've even seen that family and friends send money with them to buy goods to bring back home for them. If there were no Airbnb, they wouldn't be forced to stay in hotels they **WOULD NOT COME**. That means MILLIONS in lost revenue to retail stores, restaurants, entertainment centers, etc. I have met so many nice young people from abroad.

Sometimes they are not from abroad but are young friends getting away from college here in the states or are coming to take dance lessons. I have once hosted grandparents from the Midwest who have a large family - thus are not wealthy people who can afford expensive accommodations - and were here to meet their grandchild for the first time. These are the people that you will be driving away with the policies that you make.

Additionally, as a single person, it really helps me as a host to not be lonely all the time and depressed. It has helped my mental state a TON to have people around. Don't discount that aspect to this situation! It has also allowed me to have extra income to go to a gym to try to get stronger and help my fibromyalgia. Consider that your policies will impair both my mental and physical health!

Thank you for listening.
Rebekah Paul

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Fwd: Short term Rentals in LA county

Sharon Dickinson

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Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

From: **Kaitlyn Ryan 'Alumni'** <kaitlyn.ryan@pepperdine.edu>
Date: Wed, Apr 26, 2017 at 10:18 AM
Subject: Short term Rentals in LA county
To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org
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Councilmember Huizar and to whom it may concern:

I stand behind the mission of the Los Angeles Short Term Rental Alliance and ask that you consider the many benefits of short term rentals. I believe our economy is healthier with STR, and many people depend on their STR to stay afloat.

I wanted to add my voice to the group and advocate for your consideration.

Thank you for your time.

~Kaitlyn

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Fwd: I BEG you to RECONSIDER!

Sharon Dickinson

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Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**From: **Mark | headTrix Training & Consulting** <Mark@headtrixtraining.com>

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Subject: I BEG you to RECONSIDER!

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Cc: Sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, etta.armstrong@lacity.org

To Whom it May Concern,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Mark and I am an AirBnb host in Los Angeles. I am a single male living in a 3 bedroom townhouse that I purchased.

AirBnb has not only allowed me to stay living in my house, but its also given me the opportunity to host people from all over the world. It has been such an incredible and rewarding experience for me as well as my hosts. Enriching the lives of all of us. I get a new guest and company, and the ability to make a second income to help paying my bills and keeping me living in my house. I also get to learn about the lives of people from different countries, and they get company during their travels, as well as great recommendations, and the ability to experience it as a local of Venice. I am a Super Host on AirBnb, that means that I have been exceptional as a host, with over 85% of my reviews being 5 stars! I even created a guestbook for them recommending restaurants, Yoga Studios, Gyms, Super Markets, the Farmers Markets, Promenade, Entertainment, Lyft, Uber etc. And most love and appreciate my advice, and I'm sure it helps out the local community as well.

I have been made aware of the recent regulations that the city is trying to introduce, especially the 180 day cap. If this passes, this would hurt me tremendously. With a cap like that, I would not be able to afford my home. My bedrooms are fully furnished, and most yearly renters will require an empty room. The last time I had a roommate, he did not pay rent, and I almost had to evict him. It was the most uncomfortable living situation. With AirBnb I feel safe... money never exchanges hands, and they have a 1 Million Dollar Insurance policy. We all strive to be successful and to grow our community, so we strongly believe that these proposed regulations are too strict and will most certainly do more harm than good. Venice is extremely expensive.... AirBnb has given me a second income and company from all over the world.

We ask you to genuinely consider our position as well as every business/restaurant in Venice when casting your vote. And feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. Thanks.

Sincerely,
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