

April 5, 2018

Dear Plum Committee Members,

I am a constituent of yours and have lived in Los Angeles for 25 years. I'm writing to you about the upcoming city council decision on home sharing. Council File 14-1635-S2. I work in entertainment as a musician (my dream) and as a tour manager for other musical acts, film artists and productions. It's always a hustle.

I rented a house in North Hollywood for my first 17 years in Los Angeles. This was before Air B&B and Craig's list. I was able to afford that house because I had roommates and I rented rooms in that home to friends and friends of friends that in many cases were also coming to California to pursue their dreams. Some of my roommates went on to great success and now own large homes in the Hills and Recording Studios in the Valley. In 2007 my wife and I were able to combine our incomes to purchase our own home in Eagle Rock. We love it and thankfully weathered the recession and managed to hold on to our home. We would not have been able to do it without renting the guest suite of our house. We both struggle in the entertainment business with constant employment and rely on being able to rent our guest suite to help pay our mortgage. We own our home. We live in our home. If we are limited on the amount of days we can host guests, it could seriously affect our ability to pay our mortgage.

The staggering rise of homelessness in L.A and here in Eagle Rock is undeniable. Everywhere you look, every corner, every underpass. It's shocking and frightening. Please also consider that a number of homeowners like us are able to keep our homes by renting a room, guesthouse or suite. We as homeowners should have that right and should not be limited by how many days we can host. To think that government over reach and restriction could lead homeowners like us to lose our homes and end up on the street is devastating. Home sharing is how I was able to get my foot in the door of LA. and how my wife and I continue to make a life here. The legislation the city is planning to govern home sharing needs to be fair. Please do not confuse the greed of landlords who use short term rentals to fill their pockets with the homeowner who rents part of their property to make ends meet. Please do not penalize home owners but instead keep in mind the negative impact that restricting home sharing would have on our community. And also please keep in mind the economic benefits home sharing brings to the community as well. We encourage all our guests to dine and shop locally. Thank you for the consideration of my letter and your service to our community.

Sincerely, Peter Stahl / Eagle Rock, CA

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Dear PLUM Committee,

I understand you have been working on creating an ordinance to regulate short term rentals in LA. As a home owner I am very concerned about the proposed restrictions that could threaten my ability to continue to afford my home.

I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself so you have some actual facts about the kind of people who will be adversely effected by the over reach the city would like to place on middle class homeowners. I have been a resident of Los Angeles for the last 25 years. I am a home owner and entrepreneur who left my nice paying job at a company in Century City two years ago to follow my dream of starting my own business. I saved every holiday bonus I ever received. My husband works in music but doesn't make enough for us to live on one salary. We figured we could try to make my dream happen with my saving from bonuses, his salary, and the income we could make from home sharing. Flash forward to now and I'm in the funding stage of my business. I have a co- founder who owns several successful businesses downtown. I am hopeful that I will get funded but as of now I am not and I don't have a salary. With the kind of of government over reach the PLUM committee is looking to enforce on homeowners I could actually lose my home by being limited in the amount of days that I can host. It's a very daunting thought. Why the city would want to cause people homelessness is bewildering considering the situation LA is in. I am for sensible regulation but what the PLUM committee has come up with isn't sensible. Please don't lump folks who share there home in with greedy landlords out to make triple the money by renting short term. Landlords are the people that need to be regulated not homeowners.

Now a little bit about the type of people that I host. Most are here in LA for one to five months. They (or their employer who are reimbursing them) can't afford to stay in a hotel for that amount of time or quite frankly don't want to pay that kind of money. I host people from all over the world; a Brazilian doctor here on a fellowship at Keck, traveling nurses who stay in different cities for a contracted amount of time, Occidental students trying to finish their last semester, NASA /JPL engineers working here to launch satellites at Vandenberg Air Force Base. I've met some amazing people. The one thing they all have in common is that THEY ALL SPEND MONEY here in our communities. I give them suggestions on where to dine, where to shop, where to get their nails and hair done, day trips, the list goes on. On the opposite end, home sharing allows me to afford my mortgage and property taxes. It also allows me to give back to the economy by hiring tree trimmers, landscapers, repair men, the list goes on. I can assure you that if I was not able to home share I would not be able to hire anyone and would struggle to pay my mortgage and taxes let alone contribute to the economy of this city.

I am urging you to create sensible, fair laws that protect community members like me. People who own their homes and choose to home share to make ends meet and to contribute back to the economy.

Sincerely,

D. Taylor  
Eagle Rock Resident