The proposed home sharing ordinance goes too far.

1 message

Margi De Ley <mcdeley@sbcglobal.net>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org  
Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 1:56 PM

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- The people who stay in my two bedroom apartment for $70 a night for a few days or weeks could not afford a hotel. They spend a lot on food, car rental, and tourist activities and thus bring a lot to our city economy. They are people who would simply not come to LA if they had to stay in a hotel.
- They also plan their trips from their home countries four or five months in advance. Any abrupt change will affect people who have purchased plane tickets and secured approval from their employers to fly here.

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Thank you

Sincerely,

Margi De Ley
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1 message

Deanne Morris <deannemor@lacity.org>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 2:55 PM

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Thank you

Sincerely,

Carolyn Van Eyssen
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1 message

Nicole A <Xoxonikkinik@gmail.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org  
Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 5:04 PM

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Sincerely,

Nicole A
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Rocio Villalobos <design@vidromedia.com>
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 4:51 PM

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Sincerely,

Rocio Villalobos
Jerry Hannan <jerry@igtbm.com>
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 4:38 PM

Dear Etta Armstrong, LA City Clerk Office,

The proposed ordinance regarding short-term rentals is completely arbitrary, unfair, un-American and will do far more damage to the citizens of Los Angeles (and the visiting world!) than I think you realize.

I depend on the income provided to me as my main source, and your proposal, if enforced, would force me to give up my home.

We provide a beautiful sharing service to many people who would not ordinarily be able to afford a visit to our area, and by doing so enrich our communities and city. We are ambassadors for the city of LA, and I’m proud to show off and promote our year-round “destination” in a way that is a win-win-win.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jerry Hannan

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Thank you
Sincerely,
Amanda Cowan
The proposed home sharing ordinance goes too far.

1 message

Aaron Mood <magnificantmood@gmail.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org  
Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 4:31 PM

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Sincerely,

Aaron Mood
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1 message

David Ly <davidly2012@gmail.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org  

Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 4:25 PM

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Sincerely,

David Ly
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1 message

J Smith <travelsecrets@mac.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org  
Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 4:19 PM

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J Smith
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1 message

Jeff Cowan <jjcowan82@gmail.com>  Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 4:18 PM
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

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Sincerely,

Jeff Cowan
Think about who you are hurting with this proposal
1 message

Geoff Regan <purchases@24frameguy.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org
Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 4:10 PM

Dear Etta Armstrong, LA City Clerk Office,

I must start by saying, I do not have a listing on Airbnb or any other home sharing website. I am a new first time single family home owner. I found comfort that Airbnb, VRBO, etc was an option for me.

Are you open to talking to average joes about how they feel? Feel free to call me or set up a lunch ... I will take you to lunch and be open to any questions thrown my way.

My questions are ..

Why shouldn't I have the flexibility to rent out my property when and how I choose?

Do I not already pay property taxes? Hotels get huge tax breaks and incentives. Are you going to pass those on to me?

Who really gets hurt by passing the proposed ordinance?

Where is the data out there backing this proposal?

What I have read so far tells me this isn't about all the little guys out there. There are thousands of new fancy apartments going up in every neighborhood right now. I know me renting my house out for 7 months while I explore the rest of the U.S. isn't what is changing the housing market. Make it easier for someone like me to keep/own a home and do with it as I please. Don't take away that ability. Please !!!

If this is the way the current Democratic administration wants to run things, then I will strongly consider voting another way in the future. Help the middle class don't hurt them. That isn't me making a threat. It just seems glaringly obvious that this is not the desire of the people that have voted for you. I can add 100's of people that I have talked to recently that feel the same way.

Sincerely,

Geoff Regan
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1 message

Paula Brown <Pattabrit@gmail.com>  Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 4:08 PM
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

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1 message

del griffith <thedelgriffith@gmail.com>
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 4:07 PM

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del griffith
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1 message

SHARMILA BRUNJES <smilari@gmail.com>  Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 4:01 PM

Dear Etta Armstrong, LA City Clerk Office,

While I support fair regulations for home sharing in Los Angeles, the draft ordinance goes too far. As a responsible host, I believe the following:

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- I do not want information about how often and how much income I earn from home sharing to ever be available to anyone who asks without my express permission in advance of each individual request. I want to comply with the law, but I need to be reassured that this personal information remains confidential or I won't feel comfortable sharing my home.

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Home sharing, like any internet business is the wave of the future. Please do not leave Los Angeles trailing behind the rest of the world in this. I hope we can embrace these new, innovative and exciting ideas. Please take these points into consideration when drafting laws that will affect me and my family.

Thank you

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SHARMILA BRUNJES
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Robert Harkness <rob@robharkness.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

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Robert Harkness
Dear Etta Armstrong, LA City Clerk Office,

Los Angeles!

What we love about you is that you're progressive, eternally optimistic and forward-thinking. What's new starts in LA and travels the world.

This is a new economy. Think new. Take a step into the future and recognize that millions of your residents are adapting to a new economic order while local government sits idly by, staring gloomily into the past.

If London and New York can offer premium house-sharing services that magnetize new visitors to those cultural capitals, LA should do the same.

Step forward, Los Angeles. The future welcomes you.

Sincerely,

David VE
AGAINST PROPERTY RIGHTS! The proposed home sharing ordinance goes too far.

1 message

Kathy Junge <kathyjunge@gmail.com>         Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 3:37 PM  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

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Kathy Junge
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1 message

Darien Taylor <darientaylor13@gmail.com>  Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 3:26 PM
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

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Darien Taylor
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1 message

Kat Y <K_312@mac.com>                              Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 3:08 PM
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

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Additional note: I understand you are targeting landlords and management companies who are taking available rental markets off the market and using Airbnb instead but what you are also doing is hurting the average person who lives in their place and is just trying to make ends meet and supplement their income. It’s expensive in LA and it’s getting harder and harder everyday to keep our heads above water.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Kat Y
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1 message

Yehudah Younessian <Yehudahy@hotmail.com> Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 3:07 PM

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Yehudah Younessian
Dear Etta Armstrong, LA City Clerk Office,

I have lived in my home in Venice since 1978. I love my home and care about my neighborhood. There is no reason to restrict responsible home sharing. I choose to live in less space in order to rent out one room in my home so that I can afford to continue to live there. I am retired and have a low income.

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Thank you
Simone Wallace

Sincerely,

simone wallace
The proposed home sharing ordinance goes too far.

1 message

Samantha Besser <Samanthabesser@gmail.com>  Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 3:04 PM

To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

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Cheryl Murfin <cherylmurfin@gmail.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org  

Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 3:04 PM

Dear Etta Armstrong, LA City Clerk Office,

I want Los Angeles to be a city that supports homeowners, businesses and visitors to our city — including FAIR homesharing regulations. However, the current draft ordinance now being considered by the LA Planning Commission to regulate homesharing goes too far and will have terrible negative consequences. As a responsible host, I believe the following:

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Thank you

Sincerely,

Cheryl Murfin
The proposed home sharing ordinance goes too far.

1 message

Anthea Brown <antheaart@gmail.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

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Gabriela Santamaria
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1 message

Gaby Herbst <Gabrielle.sara@gmail.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 5:37 PM

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Gaby Herbst
Dear Etta Armstrong, LA City Clerk Office,

While I support fair regulations for home sharing in Los Angeles, the draft ordinance needs to KEEP the language about Rent Stabilized Units being COMPLETELY OFF THE TABLE, AND, only primary residences with the owner IN RESIDENCY being able to LEGALLY rent out for less than 30 days.

As a tenant in the RAPED AND PILLAGED neighborhood of Venice Beach, I support this ordinance!

Sincerely,

Karen Lehman
The proposed home sharing ordinance goes too far.

1 message

Toni Padgett <tdelliq@gmail.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org  
Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 8:22 PM

Dear Etta Armstrong, LA City Clerk Office,

While I support fair regulations for home sharing in Los Angeles, this draft ordinance goes too far and is onerous for responsible hosts. As such a host, I believe the following:

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- I should have the flexibility to rent out a single bedroom, my entire home, or guest house on my owner-occupied property. Our home is unique and being able to adjust our listing to our needs as is one of the most important features of home sharing. As seniors trying to remain in our home, home sharing provides needed income in our retirement years to maintain our property and meet rising costs on our retirement income.

- I don't feel comfortable knowing that information about how often and how much income I earn from home sharing could be available to anyone who asks. I want to comply with the law, but I need to be reassured that this personal information remains confidential. Privacy rights should be protected.

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Monica Webb <Monicahwebb@gmail.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org  
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Sincerely,

Monica Webb
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1 message

Adam Ward <theAdamward@gmail.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org  
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Elijhio Recendez
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1 message

Vince Tempongko <Vincentbryan@me.com>  Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 7:50 PM

To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

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Sincerely,

Estella Wu
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1 message

Estella Wu <estella.wu@gmail.com>  Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 7:46 PM

To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

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1 message

Victor Vargas <vavsatmc@hotmail.com>  Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 7:40 PM
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

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- I don't feel it is legal nor conducive to good business sense to be limited to how I should use my property and be told how much or to whom I should allow to use my property while I have been restricted with rent control rules that go beyond any reasonable business practices. Frankly, for years we have had to put up with choking rent control rules that dictate how and for how much I can rent my property with most if not all rights given to less than stellar tenants and being forced to pay outrageous settlements to get bad tenants out with no recourse to the benefit of the bureaucracy set by the city of Los Angeles to the detriment to owners and business in Los Angeles. In addition, I am not comfortable knowing that information about how often and how much income I earn from home sharing could be available to anyone who asks. I want to comply with the law, but I need to be reassured that personal information remains confidential or I won't feel comfortable sharing my home.

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Victor Vargas
The proposed home sharing ordinance goes too far.

1 message

Lisa Gallagher <redexecgal@gmail.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org  
Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 7:13 PM

Dear Etta Armstrong, LA City Clerk Office,

While I support fair regulations for home sharing in Los Angeles, the draft ordinance goes too far. As a responsible host, I believe the following:

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1 message

Mark Frazin <mark91324@gmail.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org  
Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 7:05 PM

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-- I should have the flexibility to rent out a single bedroom, or entire home. My home is unique and being able to adjust my listing to my needs is one of the most important features of home sharing. For instance, being retired, I depend on the income to allow me to enjoy my retirement, including occasional traveling, where I rent out my entire home, except for my bedroom, which I lock up.

Of note, is that in my area of North Hollywood, there are dance studios which attract young men and women from all over the world who can only afford to attend the dance studio programs by saving the money that staying in an Airbnb allows. I have been told this by many of my guests. These guests also spend money in my neighborhood and all of Los Angeles; they tell me they cannot afford the hotel rates.

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1 message

donald burke <donburke28@gmail.com>                               Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 7:04 PM
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donald burke
June 4, 2016

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If you knew of a business, that within 6 years became a multi-billion-dollar success, not from something they created, but by simply tapping into something that already existed for decades, would that be considered exceptional? Now, consider that success was only based on 3% of income generated, and that that business was only about 15% of a much larger trend, would you stop and consider what was at stake if you ended it, if you even could? That, the individuals who participate in this have not only become competent, but refined and successful at with their little businesses, enough to gain the approval of traveling dignitaries, city officials, celebrities, and even Gov. Jerry Brown? If you knew this income benefited local economies to the tune of millions of dollars, creating jobs and a thriving economy, would you want to be the one who brings it all to an end?

Now, if you were a smart business man, and you saw a demand and market of this magnitude, would you try to kill it...or profit from it? While some say it will go underground, I tell you it will go super-mainstream. It will be bigger than ever. It’s already started to happen in anticipation of such laws. The only thing that will change will be the face, not the gears. Consider that Expedia bought VRBO last year for 3.9 billion dollars, even after STRs have been banned in cities like New York City, Chicago, and Santa Monica. Expedia did not make that purchase to lose money. They know it will continue to thrive, even in those cities, under a different legal model, outside of city regulation.

A home share, or short term rental, is not technically a home rental, but part of a larger personal property rental experience. I am not commercial and I am not a hotel. When I share my home I pay all utilities, including extras like Wi-Fi and cable. There is no landlord or tenant, rather, they are hosts and guests. It is the owner’s furniture, towels, linens, soap, silverware, utensils, pots and pans, and appliances, and even toilet paper. Guests sleep in the same sacred beds where families were started and children were raised. It is still considered owner occupied. The guest does not rent the rooms as much as
they rent what is inside of it, the use of the electric, gas and water, not to mention “the experience”. This is nothing new. My grandmother rented her home in the same way during the Great Depression. It saved her estate for future generations. It’s about as American apple pie as it gets.

The City of LA, while stating that rentals under 30 days is currently illegal, inconsistently insist that those rentals pay a 14% lodging tax, creating a conflict of enforcement and priorities. By doing so, they admit that they can not enforce a current law, let alone understand a situation enough create a new one. They also admit that the positive economic influence for the City is something that should be taken into consideration. The City of LA, while claiming to care about affordable housing and Systematic Code Enforcement and Rent Stabilization, exempts luxury apartments and single family homes who raise rents at will, without any inspection. These same exemptions are the only ones the City of LA thinks should be able to rent their properties short term for an arbitrary 90 days out of the year. The idea that all other rentals should be told how to manage their property creates an enormous amount of contention and resentment between landlords and the City.

LA wants to be a world-class city that attracts events such as the Olympics and yet we don’t have the capacity with hotels alone to even host a decent amount of conferences. Also consider the unexpected circumstances that residents face and the necessity for short-term housing for Angelinos:

In October 2015, the Aliso Creek Natural Gas Facility at Porter Ranch had a well breach that resulted in 8,000 households, (that’s households, not individual persons), being relocated to short term rentals across the LA area. Although many were placed in hotels, many were transferred to short term rentals as they became available. The rents were paid by the SoCal Gas Company. The sudden demand created a spike in rental rates that, at this writing, have not seen a drop, even though some victims have started to return to their homes. (What you won’t read in the news is that, as of this writing, many have not returned home because of health and safety concerns that continue to be an issue). Had it not been for the availability of short term rentals, managing the disaster would have been far worse. STR’s serve as a public service.

The request for personal information from either guests or hosts, is overreaching, and violates personal agreements between site and guest. It seems odd to me that the City isn’t asking to do that for prostitutes and escorts on adult entertainment sites, but they feel a need when renting one’s home. Should this happen, a myriad of alternative marketing options will take the place of sites like Airbnb. I wonder, does the City request this for Expedia, owner of VRBO?

I strongly oppose the RSO restriction.
Thousands of properties with guest houses, multiple units, were built before 1978. Why should those with guest homes built before 1978 not be allowed to home-share? The properties continue to receive rave 5-star reviews on their cleanliness and competence, and value, making the job of a Code Enforcement inspector obsolete in these circumstances. A certificate means nothing when the standards of the city are below those of hundreds of guests who have inspected the property by living in it, and placing their comments in public view. The City of LA, whether disingenuous or misguided, can not pretend to care about affordable housing when they have incongruous policies that create astronomically high long term rents.

I oppose the 90-day hosting cap. My home loan was underwritten based on 100%, not 25% of my
short term income. To think that I will release my home for full-time rental for the other 75% of the year is not realistic.

Home sharing is not “easy money”. There are deep cleanings when a guest leaves, repairs, maintenance, and attending to the needs of guests before, during, and after their stay. Some have physical disabilities that need to be considered. These people would never opt for a hotel, because they simply are not appropriate for their conditions. Some are high profile cases that wish to remain anonymous. The argument that STR's are party houses is not only an exaggeration, it's a complete misrepresentation and insult to the majority of upstanding guests. The City of LA currently has noise ordinances for those cases. Please note that under the current proposal, single family party houses still have 90 days, or 45 two-day weekends that they can still legally function. Although many accuse party houses as the culprit of short term rentals, I’ve yet to have one critic provide a link on a STR website to substantiate their claim.

I support a stream-lined online registration process

The City of LA should treat responsible residents as partners, not adversaries. Please don’t make it unnecessarily difficult for hosts to comply with city laws. As a main American city Los Angeles should simplify and upgrade its city processes to be more user-friendly. Let us register online and with one city agency.

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Home sharers should be rewarded, not punished for their resourcefulness, success, and enterprise. It’s from necessity that this marker exists, let alone successful, and by necessity it will continue. Close one door, and another will open, which will create another opportunity for legislation in another 6 years. Who ever thought that we’d be looking at the prospect of growing marijuana would be legal, but renting your home would be an offense?

There’s a lot more I can say, but that’s all for now. This is only the tip of the iceberg.

This Summer of 2016 is expected to be a record year for tourism in Los Angeles. You can thank STRs for the income the city will be enjoying during that time.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Robert,
A constituent.
June 4, 2016

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A home share, or short term rental, is not technically a home rental, but part of a larger personal property rental experience. I am not commercial and I am not a hotel. When I share my home I pay all utilities, including extras like Wi-Fi and cable. There is no landlord or tenant, rather, they are hosts and guests. It is the owner’s furniture, towels, linens, soap, silverware, utensils, pots and pans, and appliances, and even toilet paper. Guests sleep in the same sacred beds where families were started and children were raised. It is still considered owner occupied. The guest does not rent the rooms as much as
they rent what is inside of it, the use of the electric, gas and water, not to mention “the experience”.
This is nothing new. My grandmother rented her home in the same way during the Great Depression. It saved her estate for future generations. It’s about as American apple pie as it gets.

The City of LA, while stating that rentals under 30 days is currently illegal, inconsistently insist that those rentals pay a 14% lodging tax, creating a conflict of enforcement and priorities. By doing so, they admit that they can not enforce a current law, let alone understand a situation enough to create a new one. They also admit that the positive economic influence for the City is something that should be taken into consideration. The City of LA, while claiming to care about affordable housing and Systematic Code Enforcement and Rent Stabilization, exempts luxury apartments and single family homes who raise rents at will, without any inspection. These same exemptions are the only ones the City of LA thinks should be able to rent their properties short term for an arbitrary 90 days out of the year. The idea that all other rentals should be told how to manage their property creates an enormous amount of contention and resentment between landlords and the City.

LA wants to be a world-class city that attracts events such as the Olympics and yet we don’t have the capacity with hotels alone to even host a decent amount of conferences. Also consider the unexpected circumstances that residents face and the necessity for short-term housing for Angelinos:

In October 2015, the Aliso Creek Natural Gas Facility at Porter Ranch had a well breach that resulted in 8,000 households, (that’s households, not individual persons), being relocated to short term rentals across the LA area. Although many were placed in hotels, many were transferred to short term rentals as they became available. The rents were paid by the SoCal Gas Company. The sudden demand created a spike in rental rates that, at this writing, have not seen a drop, even though some victims have started to return to their homes. (What you won’t read in the news is that, as of this writing, many have not returned home because of health and safety concerns that continue to be an issue). Had it not been for the availability of short term rentals, managing the disaster would have been far worse. STR’s serve as a public service.

The request for personal information from either guests or hosts, is overreaching, and violates personal agreements between site and guest. It seems odd to me that the City isn’t asking to do that for prostitutes and escorts on adult entertainment sites, but they feel a need when renting one’s home. Should this happen, a myriad of alternative marketing options will take the place of sites like Airbnb. I wonder, does the City request this for Expedia, owner of VRBO?

I strongly oppose the RSO restriction.
Thousands of properties with guest houses, multiple units, were built before 1978. Why should those with guest homes built before 1978 not be allowed to home-share? The properties continue to receive rave 5-star reviews on their cleanliness and competence, and value, making the job of a Code Enforcement inspector obsolete in these circumstances. A certificate means nothing when the standards of the city are below those of hundreds of guests who have inspected the property by living in it, and placing their comments in public view. The City of LA, whether disingenuous or misguided, can not pretend to care about affordable housing when they have incongruous policies that create astronomically high long term rents.

I oppose the 90-day hosting cap. My home loan was underwritten based on 100%, not 25% of my
short term income. To think that I will release my home for full-time rental for the other 75% of the year is not realistic.

Home sharing is not “easy money”. There are deep cleanings when a guest leaves, repairs, maintenance, and attending to the needs of guests before, during, and after their stay. Some have physical disabilities that need to be considered. These people would never opt for a hotel, because they simply are not appropriate for their conditions. Some are high profile cases that wish to remain anonymous. The argument that STR’s are party houses is not only an exaggeration, it’s a complete misrepresentation and insult to the majority of upstanding guests. The City of LA currently has noise ordinances for those cases. Please note that under the current proposal, single family party houses still have 90 days, or 45 two-day weekends that they can still legally function. Although many accuse party houses as the culprit of short term rentals, I’ve yet to have one critic provide a link on a STR website to substantiate their claim.

I support a stream-lined online registration process

The City of LA should treat responsible residents as partners, not adversaries. Please don’t make it unnecessarily difficult for hosts to comply with city laws. As a main American city Los Angeles should simplify and upgrade its city processes to be more user-friendly. Let us register online and with one city agency.

Finally, if the City is concerned about affordable housing, then the development of luxury apartments that most Angelinos can’t afford should be under question. It’s ironic that people living in properties built before 1978 won’t be allowed to support themselves or the economy because of a concern for affordable housing.

Home sharers should be rewarded, not punished for their resourcefulness, success, and enterprise. It’s from necessity that this marker exists, let alone successful, and by necessity it will continue. Close one door, and another will open, which will create another opportunity for legislation in another 6 years. Who ever thought that we’d be looking at the prospect of growing marijuana would be legal, but renting your home would be an offense?

There’s a lot more I can say, but that’s all for now. This is only the tip of the iceberg.

This Summer of 2016 is expected to be a record year for tourism in Los Angeles. You can thank STRs for the income the city will be enjoying during that time.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Robert,
A constituent.
The proposed home sharing ordinance goes too far.

Christopher Webb <cjwebb@gmail.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org  

Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 6:56 PM

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1 message

Vishal Agarwala <agarwala@me.com>                                      Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 6:50 PM
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Sincerely,

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1 message

Erica Goldman <Ericagoldman@brandeis.edu> Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 6:46 PM

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1 message

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To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org  
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1 message

Ann Keniston <annkeniston@gmail.com>  
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Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 6:32 PM

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Have unit occupancy limits. This will help control the "party houses". Occupancy limits would be based on the number of bedrooms at property.

No limits on the amount of days for rental. 90 days is TOO restrictive

Allow R.S.O.'s, but limit to a portion of a building, one third would be a good starting point. Example - a 9 unit building could have 3 short-term rentals, a triplex could have 1 short-term unit, a duplex 1.

To improve communications between neighbors, the City should establish a call line, or 'hotline', so if one needs to register a complaint about a vacation rental home or event house in their neighborhood they can call a central number.

All registered units should have a point person who can deal with situations that arise, such as noise. No more anonymous landlords.

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Sincerely,

Ann Keniston
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1 message

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To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

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Kathy Garcia
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1 message

Michael Baron <spike2me@att.net>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org  
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1 message

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To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

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1 message

Addy Tesfai <Tesfai37@gmail.com>  
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org  

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1 message

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