

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Item No. 10: Regarding the motion on the implementation and enforcement of the Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance, I fully support the prohibition of short-term rentals of owner's multiple units and extra homes. This is critical considering the dire short supply of affordable long-term housing and the continued urgency under the current environment of COVID-19. I live in a quiet residential neighborhood in Silver Lake, where a single owner has been actively renting, five home residences on a full-time basis in violation of the STR Ordinance. All five units are listed under the Affordable Housing Ordinance, and former occupants have been evicted. He has never occupied any of these residences that are within a block of my house. These residences at 3512 Crestmont Ave, 3511 Effie St, and 1615, 1617, and 1619 Golden Gate Ave, have been used as short-term hotels for the past several years, creating an inhospitable environment of loud gatherings and groups. At 3512 Crestmont Ave, there have been of multiple large group parties, mixed family gatherings (during Covid-19), film shoots, and pornography film shoots. These events run day and night with intrusive noise, music, extreme lighting and truck and passenger bus traffic noise on a street that is a single 20 feet lane. All five residences are listed on Airbnb and VBRO. The owner has proven to be elusive, changing the hosts names and regularly re-listing the properties. I have spoken to occupants at all these units and they confirmed they rented the units on the Airbnb platform. On September 20, 2020, I wrote to the City Planning Home Sharing group to inform them of the situation and provided the links to the listings on Airbnb and VBRO. Five months later all five residences continue to be fully occupied as short-term hotels. Over the past five months I have sent regular communications to City Planning and Council District 13. I fully support the STR Ordinance, but without responsive and timely enforcement, the ordinance will prove to have little value, while providing a great deal of frustration to neighbors with no relief. Enforcement is key. Respectfully, Darryl Kitagawa 3523 Crestmont Ave, Los Angeles CA 90026 (323) 397-6250

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