

Communication from Public

Name: Colin Schleining

Date Submitted: 04/14/2024 09:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a retired person without a Government pension who is struggling to make ends meet and stay in my home. My only source of income is renting my home on Airbnb and helping another retired person in my neighborhood rent their home on Airbnb. I employ a local hispanic mother as a cleaner for my Airbnb rentals. The recommendation by LA City Planning Department to repeal the extended home share permit is a direct threat to my ability to afford to stay in my home. I follow the rules, have a valid permit, have no violations and contribute to the \$34 million in transient occupancy tax the City collects every year. Yet, I feel I am being targeted for trying to make enough money to survive and stay in my home and not become homeless. I have read the report and could not find answers to questions that must addressed to objectively evaluate the recommendation to repeal the extended home sharing permit: > How much will the Los Angeles Homelessness Count decrease by eliminating the extended home sharing permit? > How much will the Los Angeles County Housing Affordability Index change as a result of repealing the extended home sharing permit? > How much will the amount the City earns on Transient Occupancy Tax decrease as a result of repealing the extended home sharing permit? > What City services will be cut as a result of the decrease in Transient Occupancy Tax revenue. Is the City considering a Property Tax increase to fund this deficit? Without answers to these questions, the recommendation to repeal the extended home sharing permit is nothing more than a subjective opinion. One that is not based on a real understanding of social, economic or financial costs and benefits of the recommendation. In studying other major jurisdictions, I have found no evidence to suggest that homelessness or housing affordability is improved by further restricting short term rentals. None. The one thing I do know with 100% certainty is that repealing the extended home sharing permit will make it impossible for me to afford to stay in my home. As a result, I would respectfully ask the City Council to vote against this recommendation.

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Name: Livinio Stuyck

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Sirs, I urge you to review and move forward the Short Term Rental Rent Stabilization Ordinance as soon as possible. Please hold a hearing on this ordinance to bring certainty to Los Angeles property owners and managers like myself. The real estate rental market as a whole has been decimated due to the ongoing novel coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic and your flexibility with the short term rental market is more important than ever to help the tourism and hospitality industry and over 90% of "mom and pop" landlords that we are simply collecting rental income to continue to repay our investment rental property and our bank mortgages. The current STR Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) proposal will allow only a limited number of RSO units to participate in the Home-Sharing Program. RSO units would be able to rent for up to 120 nights per year with a citywide cap of 4,000 permits. Ideally please considering increasing those limits to 12,000 permits and 240 nights. That will help over 90% of small family landlords like me do our best to help the rental market, the hospitality and tourism industries and our beautiful city. I thank you in advance for your public service and help to our struggling community. These are times to take a strong position, clear and swift action to help us all. May God Bless you all, our City and our State. Kind Regards, Livinio Stuyck Sanchez

Communication from Public

Name: Georgia Tribuiani

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, I am writing to express my strong support for home sharing in Los Angeles, particularly in light of the upcoming hearing on Wednesday, April 17th regarding the enforcement of the City's home sharing ordinance. As a resident of Los Angeles and a member of the local community, my family and I heavily rely on home sharing STR as a means of supplemental income. Both my husband and I work hard to support our family - I work in the advertising TV industry while my husband owns a small local business. Since purchasing our home in 2017, we have faced financial challenges, particularly exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and strikes in the movie industry, which have directly impacted our livelihoods. In order to make ends meet and continue living in Los Angeles, we have turned to renting out a small guest house on our property through Airbnb. What initially began as a way to host friends and family has become our main source of income in these difficult times. Without this additional income from Airbnb, we would be forced to consider leaving the city that we have invested in both personally and professionally. I understand that the City's report on enforcement of the home sharing ordinance highlights concerns and proposed changes, including the repeal of the extended STR home share permit. While I support efforts to ensure compliance with regulations, I urge the City Council to consider the unique nature of small Airbnb rentals like ours. These spaces are NOT equipped for long-term rentals and do NOT provide adequate living and storage space for extended stays. Treating all cases equally would not solve the Housing and Homelessness problem; instead, it would create new challenges for residents like myself who rely on home sharing to support our families. Without the income generated from home sharing, my family is at risk of homelessness, as we would struggle to keep up with our mortgages. I urge the City Council to carefully consider the impact of proposed changes and to ensure that any revisions to the home sharing ordinance are fair and balanced. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your commitment to serving the residents of Los Angeles. Sincerely, Georgia Tribuiani