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Comments for Public Posting: Short-term rentals help boost the local economy, bring in a lot of tax money for the city, and let people afford to stay in their homes. The extended homesharing permit is very important because it gives people in L.A. the freedom to share their home when they need to—especially those who depend on it to afford living here.

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for reading my input. I have had an extended short term rental permit for a number of years. The practical reality of my experience has been. 1) the space has never been rented for 365 nights, at best it's been about 60% or about 220 nights. 2) if a limitation of 120 nights was put into place it will not magically add available rental space to the housing market. The space will sit unoccupied adding nothing to solving a housing shortage. 3). Additionally it will reduce tourist traffic to our city which represents 95% of the rentals at my property. Tourists spend about \$1000 a day based on the input I get from tourists. This will reduce tax revenue and tourist spending that help fund city resources to address the housing shortage. So please do the math before implementing a new regulation that will add to the housing problem rather than solving it. Thanks very much for thinking it through.

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Name: Mary Morano

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Comments for Public Posting: I really can't believe that we are being tortured again with this issue. I'm a widow without a pension, living on Social Security and the income that I receive every month from Airbnb. It is not a separate structure like an ADU or a garage. It is a room in my home just like in the old western cowboy days. A widow would rent out rooms in her home and they called it a boarding house. This room could never be used as a long-term rental because it does not have a full kitchen. If the extended long-term rental option is messed with, you just hurt people like me. I could never cover the expenses of my healthcare and the property without the Airbnb option. I know there are people who break the rules and are renting out multiple Airbnb's at the same time. I know there are people who don't live there, but still rent out their homes. I have heard of a realtor who rents multiple apartments, and then rents them out as if he is the occupant of each one. I wish I knew this person's name to give it to you. The point that I am trying to make is people like that should be targeted and fined, and the rest of us who are obeying the rules and paying our fees should be left alone. When I look on the Airbnb site as if I'm traveling, I can spot problematic properties immediately. I really wish the city would spend more time on this issue than constantly harassing seniors like me who need this income and who are following the rules. Thank you.

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Comments for Public Posting: I have live in Los Angeles my entire life. Have owned this home in Sherman oaks for 20 years and am 66 years old. If I do no have Airbnb to supplement my income I would be force to sell my house and leave California. That would be devastating and the saddest statement of what's become of our community

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Name: casey la scala

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my strong support for extended home-sharing permits and to share how this opportunity has become an essential part of my ability to sustain my livelihood, contribute to the local economy, and support my family. As someone working in the entertainment industry, a field known for its unpredictability, extended home sharing has been a vital resource for me. The entertainment industry is a cornerstone of our region's economy, but it often operates in cycles of intense activity and downtime. The flexibility of home sharing has allowed me to bridge those gaps, ensuring that I can keep the lights on, put food on the table, and maintain a stable living environment. Beyond its personal significance, home sharing has a far-reaching economic impact. Hosting visitors brings diverse people into our community, who in turn support local businesses like restaurants, shops, and cultural attractions. It fosters tourism and helps create jobs in service sectors that benefit from this activity. It also allows homeowners like me to stay rooted in the community, preventing displacement during times of financial instability. As a responsible host, I understand and respect the need for guidelines to ensure home sharing benefits everyone—hosts, guests, and neighbors alike. I believe that through reasonable regulations, we can create a sustainable model that works for all parties while continuing to support local economies and industries. I urge the council to recognize the critical role extended home sharing plays for residents like me and consider policies that allow for its growth and accessibility. This program has been a lifeline for many, enabling us to thrive in an industry that is both rewarding and challenging. Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective.

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Name: Michael Warwick

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Comments for Public Posting: I work in the entertainment industry and, as you are aware, it has become even more volatile in recent years. I AirBnB my one and only property, which is also my home, to help make ends meet. I am not a corporation. I am not gouging people with high AirBnB rental costs. I am just covering my expenses. I hope not to be penalized because major businesses have begun abusing Airbnb. If anyone should be penalized, it should be those with multiple listings who monopolize the housing market.