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Comments for Public Posting: The residents of Haslam terrace are extremely hopeful that regulations surrounding short term rental properties will improve as the situation as it stands today is truly untenable. 1651 Haslam Terrace is a fine example of the problems that can occur as a result of the inadequate rules and regulations currently in place. 1651 Haslam Terrace is listed on multiple websites as a short term rental, party venue or film shoot location and it is exclusively used as such. The property manager claimed to reside at the home in order to obtain the necessary licenses and approvals to rent the property on a short term basis, but that was a blatant lie. The house is and always has been vacant in between each rented event at the property. Haslam Terrace is a private street with only 6 occupied homes so we are all very much aware of the activity, or lack thereof, at each property. No one lives at 1651 Haslam. It is operating exclusively as a short term rental/commercial events space. Any interactions I have ever had with anyone at that house have been with event directors, party planners, general contractors/facilities directors (for large events that require construction builds) or event security, all of whom were hired for those specific events and have no ties to the property. In fact, upon arrival many of the event organizers have expressed surprise and frustration that the property was even advertised as an commercial event venue given the location, noting in particular that the street is clearly not built to handle the kind of traffic these events invite - it is a narrow, private, fragile, dead end road with tight turns and no turn around. Even the event planners complain that the road is inadequate for their needs (many party-related vehicles have gotten stuck at the top of the road, unable to turn around). But despite the inadequacies of the street, the venue has been rented by corporations and individuals for parties and events for years. Recent examples include a 4 day/all day Netflix party, several music release parties and countless other events that typically run until 4 or 5am. There have been hundreds if not thousands of people in attendance at each of these events with people spilling out into the street and onto neighboring Sunset Plaza as well. Cars and other event related vehicles regularly park all along and in the middle of the road, making our only method of ingress and egress completely impassable, sometimes for hours. This is not just extremely frustrating for the residents but is also a

major safety concern. In fact, we witnessed multiple emergency vehicles, specifically fire trucks en route to a call, stopped and completely blocked while trying to ascend Sunset Plaza, all due to the vehicle and pedestrian congestion spilling out from a party at 1651 Haslam. Aside from the congestion, the noise is untenable. In addition to the loud crowds, many of the parties have live bands or DJs playing all night long on the front lawn. Third, the debris left behind is extraordinary. Garbage will be strewn up and down the street after these events - again, we are a private street so the city does not clean or maintain the road - neighbors end up cleaning up the road after all of these events including cleaning up graffiti off our own walls and other surfaces on our private property. Lastly, these events often involve substantial (unpermitted) construction builds, sometimes for days, and the work is regularly done outside of the legal construction hours. So a typical weekend on Haslam Terrace looks something like this: After a few days of construction to prep for the weekend event, there will be yet another all night party at 1651 Haslam on Saturday, for example. The neighbors will endure hours of potentially dangerous levels of vehicle and pedestrian congestion and “club-level” noise emanating from the event and onto the street. Then on Sunday the neighbors will spend the day cleaning up garbage, graffiti and other debris left all along the road by the party goers, all while listening to construction noise all day as crews break down stages, lighting, etc. from the party the night before (again construction is not even allowed in our neighborhood on Sundays). It’s the same thing, all the time. The events that have taken place on this property are truly remarkable in both size and number. And any fines incurred at the property for any infractions are completely inconsequential compared to the revenue generated by these event rentals, which based on the conversations we have had range from \$35,000 to well over \$100,000. 1651 Haslam is not a neighbor, it is a full fledged commercial business operating illegally in a residential neighborhood. This has to end. We all deliberately chose to live in a residential neighborhood, not a commercial district, but sadly this is what our street and our neighborhood has become.

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Name: Anita and Robert Zuckerman

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Comments for Public Posting: As long time residents of the Hollywood Hills, we have suffered--as have our permanent resident neighbors--a continuing loss of quality of life as a result of repeated short term rental violations, including loud parties complete with streets blocked by sometimes hundreds of cars preventing emergency access, parking violations, damage to property, blaring music sometimes lasting till morning, along with scores of partygoers filling the streets. We have found it sadly ironic that while City nightclubs must close by a certain hour, private homes in purely residential neighborhoods are allowed to become venues for the party to go on and on. The fact that enforcement of home sharing restrictions has been hampered by fines too low to secure compliance as well as no way to dispute fraudulent claims of primary residence as required by permit, has allowed this problem to continue well beyond the passage of the legislation intended (we had hoped) to prevent it. It is crucial that the City now explore and utilize methods for providing proof of primary residence permit violations to allow our neighborhood to benefit from the peace and quiet enjoyment that all citizens are entitled to in their home. Without a way to collect evidence to support enforcement against primary residence claim violations, our neighborhoods will continue to be exploited for commercial purposes to the detriment of neighborhood quality, forcing permanent residents to move and turn their neighborhood over to those who would profit from the de facto nightclubs that residences here in the Hollywood Hills (and no doubt, elsewhere) are steadily becoming. Thank you.
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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to thank you for pursuing further measures against illegal party houses. My wife and I fully support this motion and urge the council to pass it. I live in the Bowmont Hazen Briarcrest neighborhood, about 1,000 feet from the most notorious party house in the area, 2376 Kimridge Road. My heart goes out to the neighbors who live in closer proximity to this address, as they cannot sleep at night while the parties are raging, and they feel unsafe on their own property due to the rowdy behavior spilling into the street and adjacent yards. It is not merely out of empathy for my neighbors that I write to you. On party nights, the narrow streets are parked-up in all directions. Only one car can pass at a time, creating a gridlock nightmare that makes it impossible for police cars, ambulances, or private security patrols – let alone fire trucks, should that become necessary – to enter or exit the vicinity. As party-goers arrive and depart, they get into fights on the street in front of my house, because they blame each other for not backing up or going forward. The situation is chaotic and dangerous. I suspect that the people who attend these parties are not a group of friends but rather strangers who are paying admission to a for-profit enterprise where illegal activities may be taking place. This is an impossible situation for the LAPD to deal with. This problem must be addressed through council legislation/ordinance. Please pass this motion and other actions to curtail this unacceptable invasion of peaceful, law-abiding neighborhoods in our city. Jim Saltmar 21-year resident of Bowmont Drive Bowmont Hazen Briarcrest neighborhood of CD5