

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: STRONGLY SUPPORT HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT REGARDING BETTER ENFORCEMENT OF HOME SHARING ORDINANCE
Members of the PLUM Committee, I'm writing to voice my strong support for the report from the Housing & Homelessness Committee recommending amendments to the Home Sharing Ordinance. While there are many law abiding citizens who use short-term rentals to supplement their income, it's been clear for years that there is also significant abuse of the system. As the original motion notes, there are many listings for short-term rentals in the City of LA that don't comply with the HSO. Most importantly, thousands of units which could be available to renters have been effectively removed from the housing market due to illegal listings. This must stop. The proposals in the Housing & Homelessness report are fair and balanced, allowing legitimate, compliant short-term rentals to continue, while creating a better framework for regulation and enforcement. The creation of a single office to oversee monitoring and enforcement is long overdue. It makes sense to have dedicated staff to monitor and enforce the HSO. I'm also very glad to see that the report asks for annual monitoring of residential hotel stock, which provides housing for many low-income households. A private right of action would also be a welcome addition. I urge you to adopt this report and send it to the full council for approval as soon as possible. While corporate interests will no doubt push back against these amendments, the report's recommendations are thoughtful and reasonable and should be adopted. Sincerely, Casey Maddren