

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to propose the following: a new department for the operation, better enforcement of existing regulations, a self-funding program and separate stricter regulations for unhosted whole-house rentals.

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Name: Melanie Algas

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Comments for Public Posting: My husband and I started renting an upstairs bedroom in our home in Woodland Hills on Airbnb in 2016, but paused once the pandemic hit. We were planning to resume hosting early next year after completing some home repairs. We are on-site hosts, eliminating situations that might result in neighbor complaints. We've been homeowners in Woodland Hills since April 1991. My husband is permanently disabled, so only receives Social Security. I recently learned my position at work has been eliminated after 14 years, so am currently unemployed. We were looking forward to this additional income to help meet expenses. A maximum of only 120 nights per year would severely restrict income. Short-term renting vs. long-term renting also allows the room to be free when our daughter visits. My understanding was that the fees paid for short-term renting up to and exceeding 120 days would support the City/Host Compliance in overseeing compliance by hosts. Repealing the extended home share permit due to some hosts not following the rules is not fair for hosts who do follow the Ordinance. Why should private homeowners renting a room in their home be required to obtain a police permit? This would require yet an additional step to the process involving fingerprinting, background search as well as additional fees. I ask that Councilmember Bob Blumenfield support our right to host, based on the existing Ordinance. Multiple San Fernando hosts attended LA City Council meetings to that end.

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Name: Lilly Zabat

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Comments for Public Posting: As a local female business owner of a 5-star professional property management company and vacation rental expert, I strongly oppose the police permit requirement to the proposed Los Angeles City Council. Impact on Short-Term Rental Industry: The new regulations, including the requirement for a Police Permit, could significantly affect the short-term rental industry. As someone deeply involved in managing 5-star vacation rentals, you understand the operational challenges and financial implications these additional permits may pose. There is redundancy with existing requirements and the proposed Police Permit adds an extra layer of bureaucracy alongside the existing Home Sharing Registration requirement. We're already experiencing 3-6 month waits on renewals of the Extended Home Sharing permits or 4 weeks for approval of the HSR permit. My clients are constantly getting ignored by the Home Sharing Dept and Office of Finance regarding any questions regarding paying our TOT taxes or trying to renew the permits. Lack of Tailored Solutions: The ordinance treats all short-term rentals uniformly, without considering the diversity within the industry. Different types of properties (e.g., single rooms, entire homes, luxury estates) have varying needs and operational models. A one-size-fits-all approach may not be optimal. Collaborative Solutions: As a stakeholder, you advocate for collaborative solutions that balance community interests, economic growth, and responsible hosting. Engaging with professional and seasoned Hosts and industry professional management associations can lead to more effective regulations. Additionally, over 30 day rentals and mid-stay rentals would not fall under this ordinance, thus further creating negative affects on tourism in this fine city while having zero effect on safety. Short term rentals remain some the safest accommodations when analyzing the empirical data.