

Communication from Public

Name: John Stalberg

Date Submitted: 12/04/2024 10:57 PM

Council File No: 14-1635-S10

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a single dad, the home i bought post divorce was with everything we had left. We got by for a couple years but with work drying up and inflation out of control, we had to Airbnb the house and move in with extended family temporarily, the rental income becoming the only source of income to support my two daughters. Once there was enough to rent another home, we did, with the approval of the city's extended str permit... but suddenly, after a year, the permit evaporated with no reason given, no communication despite numerous calls and emails and the city's absurd refusal for public to visit their offices in person "due to the covid 19 pandemic"... still??!! We are small business owners who have been forced to rent our homes out due to the leftist failed policies that have driven the price of living through the roof, while opening the borders up to create the drug epidemic we see on our streets today. Don't get it twisted, there is no "housing crisis"... only a drug and mental health crisis. The LA city government should be ashamed of wasting countless billions on fighting homelessness, only to see their contractor lobbyist friends get rich and homelessness to continue to get worse. I've made two films about SKID ROW... go have a walk around, the 52 square blocks of our city crawling with half-zombie drug addicts aren't in need of housing but sobriety and a government willing to combat the drug gangs that control our inner city and the cartels flooding the drugs across the open border... that isn't virtuousness... it's evil... and confiscating hard-working tax paying citizens isn't the solution -- it's Stalinism. Get it figured out LA, your policies have failed... don't double down, try to see what the majority of Americans see and turn the RIGHT direction. God bless America.

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Name: Chris

Date Submitted: 12/03/2024 12:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have submitted comments before. I have participated in events to advocate for TV City. I am outraged as a citizen that the city is applying such onerous pressure on this project that it requires the public to participate in unpaid work to get it done. The project has made numerous adjustments in response to local concerns. The current design will make the neighborhood far better. The city should be rezoning all the boulevards to make construction easier. These local complaints and lawsuits should not be tolerated past the first six months. Developers need a stable environment to build housing, so we can reduce homelessness and rents.

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Name: Combiz Shams
Date Submitted: 12/03/2024 01:53 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Removing the extended home sharing permit would be devastating to so many of us that can't afford our homes. Please do not do this to us...

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Name: Norberto

Date Submitted: 12/03/2024 09:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I will loose my house if don't airbnb i will become homeless

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Name: David Cain

Date Submitted: 12/03/2024 11:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, It's quite concerning to hear about the potential to remove the extended home sharing option. I've lived in LA county for nearly 9 years and was so compelled by the potential of the city that I decided to purchase a condo in Downtown LA. One of the reasons I purchased in my specific building is because the governance at that time allowed for short term renting of my condo. This allowed me to purchase my condo as I have to take trips (family visits and business trips) abroad and I can't afford to pay the monthly costs of the unit without the allowance of short term renting. I consider purchasing this unit in Downtown my commitment to, and belief that this city can have a revival and flourish into the city it can become. I greatly hope that you consider NOT removing the extended home-sharing option for this building. Sincerely, Dave

Communication from Public

Name: Michal Imai

Date Submitted: 12/04/2024 08:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We will be required to sell our home if we have this source of income eliminated. What's more, I'm not eager to see the city need to find replacement sources of tax revenue.

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Name: Maria Studnicka

Date Submitted: 12/04/2024 11:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: URGENT! PLEASE STOP THESE EGREGIOUS OVER REACHING PROPOSALS FOR MOM AND POPS! I have been operating a short-term rental (STR) on my personal property for the past five years, during which my guests and I have consistently paid taxes to the city. My husband has been unemployed for the past two years due to downsizing and has greatly impacted our ability to financially stay afloat. Although the income from our STR is modest, it has been CRITICAL for covering our mortgage and household expenses. Without this supplemental from our Airbnb income, we would likely be forced to sell our home and move to another state. I understand there are concerns about STRs reducing long-term rental inventory. However, please recognize that individuals like me are not large corporations or big operations—we are regular people, mom and pop hosts, simply trying to make ends meet in a city where the cost of living is increasingly challenging. Proposals to significantly limit the number of rental days allowed would not only fail to meet our financial needs but would also feel punitive and unfair to those of us who are just trying to stay afloat. We ask for consideration and a balanced approach that doesn't force families like mine out of their homes.

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Raney

Date Submitted: 12/09/2024 11:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I was unable to attend the recent Housing and Homelessness Committee, but appreciate having the opportunity to raise a hand regarding this pressing matter. Having worked as both a volunteer & dedicating 5 years to a feature documentary about affordable housing with a focus on our Venice neighborhood, I know how vital this public forum is and how hard it is to make choices that please everyone. There is a dire need for affordable housing in many major US cities, and Los Angeles is one of them. However, what is being proposed with Agenda item #2, would represent a huge loss for the economy of our community. Short-term rentals, regulated as they are now, support the local economy, provide significant tax revenue for the city, and enable many residents like myself, the ability to afford to stay in their homes, and keep our children in the communities we have chosen to raise them in. The extended home-sharing permit is an important resource that gives Angelenos like me the ability to safely share my home to offset the mounting cost of living in our city. Without it we'd be forced to sell up & move, most likely out of LA. The LA City vetting process is expensive, laborious and extensive - and we have earned this permit by doing everything right. Our neighbors have never complained, we made our property sharing work for our family's day to day and we rely on this income. Local business owners benefit from the patronage via our guest book suggestions. So the thought of punishing our survival income, our good-standing in the community and the custom this brings to the local economy (when we can't afford to eat out in the same way) seems unfair. There are many like us (thus the large turnout from what I understand). Rents are high & housing is short demand, but these homes would not be options as low income housing as we share the property with our guests. So in the many cases like our's, the rule would not drive down rents or create more housing. Instead it would result in middle class folks like us, barely able to afford life in LA, needing to leave, to say nothing of the loss to the local economy from the lost income to local businesses. These are challenging times - don't punish the people who've found a way to make ends meet by sharing their homes. Thank you for taking time to consider so carefully & we hope our right to sent out our personal spaces remain intact. Megan .

Communication from Public

Name: Elisa

Date Submitted: 12/07/2024 09:35 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I've been hosting on Airbnb for about 7 years and have gone through all of the ups and downs with City Council. My home has a separate guesthouse that we aren't allowed to rent out as a single unit for long term. Short term works great for us while leaving it available for our family and friends to stay with us comfortably when needed. To eliminate the ability to host is very heavy handed and takes away an opportunity for me to make some income to help our household. Please don't reduce the number of days we are able to host. This has nothing to do with the homeless crisis. The poorly managed money within the homelessness committee is not caused or exacerbated by people like me renting out our homes to make ends meet.