

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: While I was recently present at the Housing and Homelessness Committee; I needed to leave prior to giving public comment as I had family obligations so I appreciate having my voice heard on this essential matter (for my family) via this form. Having ran for LA City Council and sitting 3years on the Venice Neighborhood Council, I know how hard your position is; both macro and micro and the politics which are wrapped up in every optic and decision. I can understand while reaching to find housing anywhere is a necessity, it has to be done in a different matter than what is being proposed on Agenda item #2. Short-term rentals support the local economy, provide significant tax revenue for the city, and enable many residents to afford to stay in their homes. The extended home-sharing permit is an important resource that gives Angelenos like myself the flexibility of sharing their home when needed, especially for those who rely on home sharing to remain in the city. The LA City vetting process is expensive, laborious and extensive - and we have earned this permit, it was not just given to us. Our neighbors have never had one complaint. Our guests have never complained once about the neighborhood. The local business owners in the area welcome the patronage via our guest book suggestions. So the thought of punishing the good-standing and the local economy for other lacking optics in our great city is not only unfair, it is going to have the adverse reaction of the intended rule change. No one likes how high the rents are, or how many people go without homes; but I will not be opening my doors to the unhoused, so the rule would not accomplish driving rents down or creating more housing. In fact, all it would do in our case is make life more expensive in a city that is already one of the most expensive in the world. I hope you can see where we are coming from and leaving the process in place that allows us to make ends meat in this challenging time.
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