

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: WHY WE RENT Having been a short term rental host since 2007, I have often found the restrictions placed on hosts a bit ridiculous. Who would allow strangers into their homes if it were not for the fact that it brings in needed extra money to stretch one's paycheck or - if seniors - to supplement their income. Living in Los Angeles is not cheap. WHO RENTS AIR BNB's As a rule, people who rent Airbnb's are looking to do so, because they can't afford to come to LA if they have to pay hotel rates. Without short term rentals, they simply don't come, and we would be losing the tourism dollars that help sustain many of our small business. The people who come to stay in AirBnB type lodging are grandmothers coming to see their firstborn grandchild being born Or to see their grandchildren; they are people looking to move to Los Angeles and need temporary place to stay while they look for an apartment.They are people looking to move to Los Angeles; or they're coming to help a relative or friend in the hospital or who needs attention temporarily. MISSED TRANSIENT TAXES I also suspect with the restrictions that there has been a much lower tax revenue garnered from short term rentals that the city can use WHO OBJECTS Those who have objected to the short term rentals, site 'strangers' in their neighborhood. However, who knows everyone in their neighborhood to begin with or new tenants who is in? As to the hotel unions objecting to short term rentals, I think the statistics have been that short term rentals don't take away very much from hotel occupancy- given that it's a different kind of business and each attracts a different kind of guest. As to the argument, that short term rentals in peoples homes, remove space from the housing market in general, I think this is one of the most ridiculous of all the objections - given that it's a room in someone's house, who is not going to rent to a homeless person, or to a person who wants a full apartment. Thank you for your time in reading this. Eda G Hallinan