

Communication from Public

Name: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils
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Council File No: 14-1635-S10
Comments for Public Posting: The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) requests that the Dept. of City Planning comply with the City Council directive in CF 14-1635-S10 to report back on short-term rentals enforcement. See attached letter from WRAC. Sincerely,
Christina Spitz, Vice Chair, WRAC



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Brentwood Community Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Mar Vista Community Council
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North Westwood Neighborhood Council
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South Robertson Neighborhoods Council
Venice Neighborhood Council
West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council
Westside Neighborhood Council
Westwood Community Council
Westwood Neighborhood Council

September 21, 2023

Vincent P. Bertoni, Director of Planning
Los Angeles Dept. of City Planning

Via email and submission to the CF via Clerk's filing portal

Re: **CF 14-1635-S10 – Short-Term Rentals Enforcement / WRAC Request that DCP Comply with 2022 City Council Directive to Report Back on Enforcement of Short-Term Rentals**

Dear Director Bertoni:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a coalition of all fourteen neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, located primarily in CDs 5 and 11 and in portions of CDs 4 and 10.

WRAC is greatly concerned that the Dept. of City Planning (DCP) has not submitted a report-back to the City Council as it was directed to do on April 29, 2022, with an analysis related to improving enforcement of home-sharing (short-term rentals) in Los Angeles – report-back due more than a year ago, on July 28, 2022.

In the ensuing 13+ months, improvement in home sharing enforcement has not occurred. Many permits are held by persons who do not live in the homes being rented and merely claim that they do. In numerous other instances, housing units are on the short-term rental market without permits. Much-needed housing stock is being taken off the market, contributing to the short supply of affordable housing. Shootings and violence have continued to take place at short-term rental units in WRAC Member Council neighborhoods, most notably in the area represented by Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council. Properties continue to be rented out in violation of the home-sharing ordinance and the principles underlying the ordinance.

WRAC has long-supported appropriate regulation of short-term rentals. It is WRAC's standing policy, held since 2016, that the City must comply with its own ordinances and laws and must immediately enforce all applicable zoning and building codes unless duly amended (including ordinances related to short-term rentals).

For these reasons, WRAC respectfully urges the DCP to complete the report-back on short-term rental enforcement without further delay, in order to safeguard our housing stock, protect the safety of the public and prevent nuisance behavior.

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This letter was authorized by the WRAC Board at its regularly scheduled public meeting on September 18, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated prompt cooperation with this request.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg and Christina Spitz

Robin Greenberg, Chair
Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

cc (via email):

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Hon. Paul Krekorian, CD 14; President, LA City Council
Hon. Traci Park, CD 11
Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, CD 5
Hon. Nithya Raman, CD 4
Hon. Heather Hutt, CD 10
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