

H-23 Correspondence – Melinda Cotton

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Subject: Short Term Rentals should be hosted by onsite or nearby Long Beach owners (Agenda Item 23, Jan 21, 2020)

My husband and I use AirBNB when we travel in the U.S. and other countries. We always stay in places where the host/owners live in the same building or are nearby and available quickly to help, answer questions, or respond to us or their property neighbors.

Long Beach should do the same.

Our City is struggling with homeless and low wage workers who can't afford permanent rentals. We need to provide housing for these people. Hotels and limited hosted rentals can provide for visitors.

Please listen to residents, neighborhood groups and those trying to protect existing full-time rentals, and make needed changes in this ordinance.

Sincerely, Melinda Cotton, 37 year Belmont Shore resident