From: Kate McKinley [mailto:flavinka@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:44 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Cc: Council District 3 <<u>District3@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: Letter of Support for Short Term Rentals: COVID-19 Relief

-EXTERNAL-

May 15, 2020

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From: Patricio Suazo [mailto:patosuazo@gmail.com]
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To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: Tom Modica.docx

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Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:27 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: Short Term Rental

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Please see attached letter.

Thank you!

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Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:14 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: From A HOST

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Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:40 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 8 <<u>District8@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: letter to Tom Modica, STR Response

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Rick Jong

From: Donna Bennett [mailto:donna562@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 8:28 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: Urgent Agenda tomorrow on STRS

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Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 4:10 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: ITEM 20-0453 and R-20

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David

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Kate McKinley, MBA Member of the Long Beach Hosting Club District 8 From: jamung@aol.com [mailto:jamung@aol.com] Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 3:17 PM To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>> Cc: Council District 8 <<u>District8@longbeach.gov</u>> Subject: STR Legislation

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Council District 9 <<u>District9@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: 20-0453 Short term rentals

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From: <u>Thedesignmark@yahoo.com</u> [mailto:thedesignmark@yahoo.com] Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 4:18 PM To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>> Subject: Ref Item: 20-0453 (R-20)

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Best Mark Clough From: Tom Modica
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 8:02 AM
To: Jean Young <<u>visitbeautifullongbeach@gmail.com</u>>; CityClerk
<<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 8 <<u>District8@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District
9 <<u>District9@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: 20-0453 STR Recommendation on May 19th CC agenda PUBLIC COMMENT

Thank you for the comments, we will have these as part of the public comment record.

-Tom

From: Jean Young <<u>visitbeautifullongbeach@gmail.com</u>>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 12:04 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>; Tom Modica <<u>Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov</u>>;
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Leadership Team - Long Beach Hosting Club District 8 Bixby Knolls From: Brett Jackson [mailto:b.richardjackson01@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 7:56 AM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: AirBnB

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With sincere gratitude,

Greta Hunold

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Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 4:21 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: 20-0453

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Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 2:22 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
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Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 2:17 PM
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Sent from my iPhone

From: Laurenne Sala [mailto:salasala@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 2:10 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>; scrammy74 . <<u>sam@samdiephuis.com</u>>
Subject: homesharing comments from a member of District 2

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Council District 8 <<u>District8@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 9
<<u>District9@longbeach.gov</u>>
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Trying to create more roadblocks with sudden, unpublished deadlines for our businesses at this time of pandemic seems extraordinarily questionable and detrimental to the overall health of our great city of Long Beach. Here are my grave concerns with the new ideas being presented which throw another burdensome hurdle our direction, and in a time of pandemic and chaotic times when STR hosts and guests are all working around the clock to be vigilant for our guests and ourselves.

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If you proceed with Lottery for Licenses for STRs then you MUST make this SAME ruling for EVERY business in Long Beach which currently has a license. Period. It is illegal to discriminate our businesses in this fashion. I've been hosting nearly 5 years and will be extremely angry to lose my business to any other host no matter how long or short a time they've been a host. The city council would not work in this way. You are all our public servants. Can you imagine a lottery going around your offices and meetings to see who gets to stay and who gets fired? Stop. Think about that for a moment. Now you know how that would work, right? Not well.

12% of Buildings with 51 to 100 Dwelling Units and 15% of 101 or more is Too Much

This favors corporate interests versus supporting the small, in-home host who averages \$10,000 a year and uses the proceeds to improve their property and pay taxes. Most hosts, like myself, have signed the living wage pledge and employ local people from Long Beach to help clean and maintain their properties, at about 3 times the average hotel wage. Enabling 12 to 15% of large buildings to short term rent violates the home sharing intention at its core and paves the way for corporate arbitrage.

No ban on Unhosted STRs by Petition

Long Beach already has noise and nuisance laws in place with enforcement funds already allotted. What's worse than a noise complaint of an STR? Having long term renters who party every single night of the year...and it's nearly impossible to get rid of them, especially now with the mandate not to evict renters for non-payment of rent during COVID 19. There is absolutely no need for further legislation or allotment of funds for any further dwelling on this issue.

The vast majority of STR hosts are responsible, with noise and nuisance complaints from short term rental properties representing less than 1% of filed complaints.

Phase it in and Keep it Affordable

Registration Fees must be affordable and phased in so that our business models aren't disrupted more than absolutely necessary. Remember, the cost to guests to rent in Long Beach has gone up since the city taxes have been in place. Our rentals are down since folks can just rent at a neighboring city and then come to Long Beach for their events. Their spending doesn't stay in Long Beach either. Their dollars are going to restaurants and businesses closer to their rental, in a different city. So, keep that in mind, that our revenue is down since the city tax went into effect. Adding Registration Fees = hosts raise rates to compensate = guests rent elsewhere = less overall revenue for the hosts and the city, not more.

If We're Paying 13% Hotel Tax, We Need to Get Promotion like Hotels

If our guests are paying 13% TOT, we deserve the same advertising of STRs in LGB, just like hotels get through the Convention & Visitors Bureau promotions. Jeannine Pearce originally spoke of a website to promote STR stay options in Long Beach. We deserve some promotion for the \$3.75 M in annual revenue we are contributing, half of which is allocated to the Special Advertising Fund of the CVB.

The Post-Covid Staycation is Not Happening in a Hotel

My recent guests have been a military family on emergency transfer from another country. They wanted to be closer to their family. With all my COVID-related cancellations, this family has been able to have an extended stay. Safer for them and for all of us.

Right now, during COVID, many Airbnbs with self-contained whole house rentals who can safely do so, following all state and local safety protocols and Airbnb cleaning regimens, are providing housing for nurses, doctors, and other health professionals who don't want to stay in hotels.

These Airbnb guests want to make their own food, and not worry about potential health risks of sharing elevators, narrow hallways, and breathing re-circulated air from large HVAC systems, or lining up for takeout at a hotel restaurant. We are helping them stay safe and find a place they can call home at a time when they need a nest.

In closing,

Thank you for taking the time to think about how your personal actions on this matter affect thousands of responsible long time hosts whose guests generate millions of dollars for our great city. We won't be happy with giving up our entire business based on a lottery format, just as you would not want to pull straws for your own jobs as our public servants.

Member of the industrious, hardworking, law-abiding and revenue-generating Long Beach Hosting Club. District 8

Jennifer

From: Eve White [mailto:evecovenwhite@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 9:50 AM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: STR Ordinance May 19th City Council Meeting

-EXTERNAL-

RE: 20-0453 Recommendation to declare ordinance amending Title 5, Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions of the Long Beach Municipal Code, by adding Chapter 5.77, related to short-term rentals, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading.

Tom Modica, City Manager and Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Long Beach 411 West Ocean Blvd. Long Beach CA 90802

To Tom Modica, Honorable Mayor Garcia and City Councilmembers,

Thank you for your efforts to legalize home sharing and vacation rentals in Long Beach. These alternatives to hotels have existed in the city since the 1920s when silent picture stars left the smog and congestion of Los Angeles to spend time in the sunshine and clean air of the Long Beach shoreline.

While I appreciate that an ordinance, first discussed with the city in November of 2014, is finally coming to fruition, as an Airbnb host in Long Beach, I have concerns and comments about the ordinance.

Lottery for Licenses is Unfair

A lottery for licenses seems unfair. The hosts who have been in the short term rental business longest should be considered first. They are the neighborhood entrepreneurs the city should encourage and enable through licensing. They have proven to be effective in providing accommodations people enjoy and have worked hard to build a successful business. They could be identified by working with Airbnb and HomeAway/Vacation Rental by Owner and any other platforms who have entered into a tax collection agreement with the city to generate a list. This ensures that people who have been waiting for up to 6 years for the city to legitimize their business queue up first. The small Mom and Pop entrepreneurs deserve the support of the city versus large corporate interests who may find themselves first in line.

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Airbnb started with homesharing and on site hosts who act as ambassadors recommending the best the city has to offer to guests from around the world. Sharing one's home, or offering a second home for vacation rental, informing guests about local attractions, offering discounts to local shops and incentives to frequent local restaurants is far different from enabling up to 33 units for short-term lease in a 222 unit building. Again, this favors corporate interests versus supporting the small, in-home host who averages \$10,000 a year and uses the proceeds to improve their property and pay taxes. Most hosts, like myself, have signed the living wage pledge and employ local people from Long Beach to help clean and maintain their properties, at about 3 times the average hotel wage. Enabling 12 to 15% of large buildings to short term rent violates the home sharing intention at its core and paves the way for corporate arbitrage.

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Most STR hosts are responsible, with noise and nuisance complaints from short term rental properties representing less than 1% of these city filed complaints (2018 figures). This will

cost the city money to administer, from mailers to overseeing the veracity of the petition signatures, pit neighbor against neighbor, and cause enforcement challenges. It may be rejected by the California Coastal Commission as in violation of the Coastal Act, which views STRs as a high-priority, visitor-serving use providing access to our oceanfront to all. The city has a process to de-list the bad actors working with the owners and internet-transacted platforms -- please do not throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Phase it in and Keep it Affordable

Although hosts have been waiting for years for this to happen, please don't rush into enforcement. Provide outreach and clear guidance to hosts and give them time (12 months) to understand and comply with the new rules. Please keep registration fees affordable to all hosts, including primary residence hosts.

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What you elect to do with short term rentals will have lasting impact on the City long after this pandemic is over. Thank you for considering the small host in crafting the final ordinance. They started this business and should find a place in it after the ordinance is enacted. With small hosts like myself in mind who truly care about their city, Long Beach will emerge as a stronger and better place.

With gratitude and thanks,

Eve White

Member of the Long Beach Hosting Club District 7

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Iris Rodríguez

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In the same vein, just as we must prevent renters from becoming homeless, we must also prevent our already inadequate housing stock from being cannibalized by short term rentals, which would cast even more pressure on the extremely unstable housing market. Moving forward on Item 16 (20-0453) as currently drafted would exacerbate public health risk and housing market instability during this pandemic. Therefore, I ask the City Council to amend the City Attorney's draft ordinance and enact a moratorium on non-primary short term rentals.

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Thank you.

Martha Cota

From: Steve Askin [mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org]
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 7:48 AM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: SUPPORT Eviction Moratorium (20-0450) and oppose Moratorium on Short Term Rentals (200453)

-EXTERNAL-

Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am writing to express strong support for Item 13 (20-0450) and to strongly oppose any moratorium on short term renta.s

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To this end, I urge the City Council to vote YES on Item 13 (20-0450) to amend in three ways the City's existing COVID-19 eviction moratorium and the Housing Authority's moratorium on Section 8 terminations, consistent with the ordinances adopted by the County and City of Los Angeles:

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However, this crisis is the wrong time to amend the City Attorney's draft ordinance and enact a moratorium on non-primary short term rentals.

short term rentals are needed more than ever to provide emergency services that hotels can't match, as two of our recent guests explain in the short video I am linking here. My family, like many others, has hosted the cottage behind our home a family that needed to self-quarantine and we are refusing bookings from "tourists" oblivious to the current crisis. Our guests arrived with two weeks of food and cleaning supplies. Other hosts provide substantial discounts or free space to health professionals providing vital services. These guests all need to make their own food, and not worry about potential health risks to themselves and others of sharing elevators, narrow hallways, and breathing re-circulated air from large HVAC systems, or lining up for takeout at a hotel restaurant.

Please take a moment to listen to our recent guests. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VQWKz9dQVmIofFImBIGPN3kXcuMpI-R3/view

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Thank you. Steve Askin From: Juana Castellanos [mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org]
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 8:17 AM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: SUPPORT Eviction Moratorium (20-0450) and Moratorium on Short Term Rentals (20-0453)

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Juana Castellanos

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To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
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Thank you. Karen Reside From: Melissa Love [mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org]
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 12:15 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
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Thank you.

Melissa Love

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Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 9:12 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
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NAOMI STEINFELD

From: Kimberly Navas [mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org]
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 9:25 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
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Kimberly Navas

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Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 12:52 AM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: SUPPORT Eviction Moratorium (20-0450) and Moratorium on Short Term Rentals (20-0453)

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Eric Tandoc

From: Gretchen Swanson [mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 7:36 AM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
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Honorable Mayor and City Council:

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80% of my neighborhood of Rose Park are renters. Many are now out-of-work due to the stay-at-home orders. It is essential that the LB City Council amend the existing COVID-19 eviction and housing authority's moratoriums AND BE CONSISTENT with the LA County and LA City ordinances:

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Consistency in our region is imperative. And stabilizing housing is critical.

Regarding Item 16 (20-0453) as currently drafted exacerbates public health risk and housing market instability during this pandemic. Enact a MORATORIUM on non-primary short term rentals.

The on-the-ground environment has seriously changed circumstances, and so must the policy. Reevaluate in 12 months.

I ask that you represent the majority of Long Beach and vote YES on all three amendments in Item 13 and vote to amend the draft ordinance in Item 16 to enact a moratorium on nonprimary short term rentals. If there was ever a time for bold action, that time is now because until everyone is safe, everyone is at risk.

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Gretchen Swanson

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Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 10:16 AM
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Wendy Chanta

From: Johnny Carrasco [mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org]
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From: Yolanda Gandarilla [mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org]
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Yolanda Gandarilla

From: Amy Rodriguez [mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org]
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I would like to believe that justice in our government is respected and that the will of the people who brought our officials to their current positions show no partiality between the influential and those with one voice.

This being the case why would a moratorium on halting short term vacation rental be implemented while our hotels stay open during the Covid crisis? Aside from this being unjust, our hotel pose more of a danger to our public than short term rentals. Guest share a lobby, elevator, counter spaces and there is more of an opportunity to congregate in larger crowds. In a short term vacation situation, guests are cooking where they stay because restaurants are closed. There are no shared lobbies, elevators, common grounds and a neighbor is definitely more than 6 feet away. Further after every guests the property is thoroughly cleaned. We rely on reviews so it is to our advantage that cleanliness is of the highest importance. So on these two points: 1. If short term rentals should be at a halt then so should hotels. 2. There is no logic of STR posing more of a danger to the public than hotels.

Does decreasing housing stock from 1500 to 1000 which is 0.75% really impact our housing crisis? I say not. The revenue STR has brought to the city of Long Beach which is now close to 2 million dollars and increasing can impact our housing crisis. We can use this money to build more affordable long term housing in our city. The logic of cutting down the housing stock only cuts the city's potential additional revenue towards achieving the goals of our housing crisis. 500 more STR equals more TOT thus more city revenue. The logic is reverse.

Further why is our TOT not supporting STR? We are paying for a service that is not benefiting us. How is this fair? We display the City of Long Beach in the best manner possible. We promote restaurants, shopping, city entertainment and attractions to guests all over the world. We are not an employee of a hotel paid to bring guest in. Our mission has more passion since this is our home, our investment so we promote everything about our property including our city in the best light possible. Furthermore we hire people from our community to clean and maintain our property. We employ people within our city. We financially give back to our city.

Also we want to live in an environment where neighbors can be neighbors and show one another kindness and respect. Therefore too have neighbors rise up against another in the attempt to place a ban on un-hosted rentals with the back up of our city is nothing other than horrible. This is not the culture of our city. Let those who do not abide and respect our neighbors privacy be removed from STR and not punish all of us because of a few. Furthermore who will scrutinize who is really behind the petition? Perhaps big deep pocket hotel lobbyist? Perhaps neighbors who have a grudge against another having nothing to do with STR? Who is really going to go through the verification and authenticity of signatures? No one wants to challenge this legally which I am sure will occur. Further police complaints which has been nominal as of yet can point out those who do not respect their fellow neighbors. We do not want those owners to be part of our STR family as well. We can work together and remove those owners whom we want no association.

So please embrace us as friends and not foe and allow us to be part of a community that has benefited the City of Long Beach in many ways and has helped strengthen its fabulous presence far beyond our city. Let us work together.

From: Jorgen Ingmar Alofs [mailto:jorgeningmar@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 10:19 AM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 1 <<u>District1@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 2 <<u>District2@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 3 <<u>District3@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 4 <<u>District4@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 5 <<u>District5@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 6 <<u>District6@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 7 <<u>District7@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 8 <<u>District8@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 9 <<u>District9@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 8
Subject: My story of how my Air BnB/STR has saved me!

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Long Beach City council members,

My name is Jorgen Ingmar, I am a legal immigrant from The Netherlands, and this is my story:

I could write you a 'standard letter', taken from a 'basic template', but my life is not a 'standard life', it certainly does not fit within a ' basic template', and therefor I am writing you this email, so you can read ONE story, MY personal story, and how listing MY house with Air BnB has helped me to make ends meet!

I am a professional freelance musician & photographer, and I met my wife in 1992, while I was on tour within the United States. We had a long distance relationship for about 2 years, and got married in August of 1994. In October of hat same year I immigrated to the United States of America, because I really wanted to give it a shot as a musician in the 'Entertainment Capitol of the World'.

We had two amazing children, and were able to buy a beautiful single family home in the historical district of California Heights, Long Beach in August of 1998.

Our kids attended great schools within Long Beach, were in all the accelerated programs, and did quite well for themselves.

I became the drummer on many records, for many live shows/bands, and worked with artists such as Stevie Wonder, Harry Connick Jr., Joe Walsh, Tyrone Wells and many others.

I also taught the children of director Steven Spielberg, actor Adam Baldwin, and others, privately. All in all, life was good!

Unfortunately, in March of 2014, my wife and I separated. She moved out, and I remained in the house, and had to pay her out.

As you very well know, most people in the United States depend on a two income household, and we were no exception, so this was not an easy thing to do.

As a freelance musician & photographer, some months are great, financially, and some months are simply not great at all.

Many months after my wife had moved out, I had to tap into the little savings that I had, due to the irregular income and the high living expenses I was facing.

In early 2015, I was stressed beyond believe, because I thought I wasn't going to make it financially, and feared that I would have to foreclose on my home within the next 6 to 8 months.

Then I thought that Air BnB might be a great way to yield some additional income, but in order to do so, I would first have to invest money, to get my home and yard up to standard, and that is exactly what I did.

In June of 2015, I welcomed my first Air BnB guests, and they loved staying in my home!

I have been a responsible and caring Air BnB host ever since, for almost 6 years now, and it has been a great experience for not only my guests, but for me as well!

I own only ONE home, that I bought, and that I rent out to families, individuals, people on business trips, etcetera, that don't want to stay in a regular hotel for their own personal reasons. I am VERY strict with my 'House Rules', and email ALL my guests a 13 page Air BnB Welcome & Instruction letter, where I state all the do's and don'ts regarding my home.

On my Air BnB profile, it states very clearly that parties and larger gatherings are not allowed. That my neighbors are to be respected at all times, and not to be bothered. I ask all of my guests the proper questions before I approve their reservation request, do not have 'Instant Book' enabled on my account, and decline a good amount of reservation requests, because they don't meet my Air BnB guest requirements. I am in close contact with my direct neighbors, and I can address any potential issues that might arise immediately, because THAT, is what a responsible Air BnB/STR host does!

By renting out my home, local businesses, the mom & pop store around the corner from my house, receive a lot of revenue, and those businesses thank me for it.

A lot of my guests even leave public comments/reviews about some of these local restaurants and businesses on my Air BnB profile after their stay for everyone to see, which I think is wonderful.

Guests that stay in one of the big hotels, would most likely not venture out to visit these restaurants and local businesses, and just end up at Starbucks and Jersey Mikes, instead of Steelhead Coffee, the Blackbird Cafe or Bake-N-Broil and more. I know this, because I have talked to the owners of these businesses.

I have read all 44 pages of the 'LAANE - A New Economy for All' document of 2015, and I truly thought that it was the writing of one of the big media outlets, such as FOX, CNN, MSNBC, etcetera with all their 'Air BnB Doom & Gloom'! To me, it falls under the category 'Killer Bees & Murder Hornets' with their 'fear based' assessments regarding Air BnB. Some of what they state was probably encountered at one point or another, and is probably still happening on occasion, but that is the acceptation to the rule, and not every host or guest can be lumped in with that.

For instance, it states within that document that cleaning personal makes \$14.07 an hour. Well, my cleaning lady makes between \$20.00 and \$25.00 an hour. My gardener and pool guy make around \$25.00 to \$30.00 an hour.

LAANE is trying to make it seem and look that Air BnB is bad bad bad, and I can and will not agree with that, and hope that the people that read this keep an open mind.

If I were new to Air BnB, and would base my 'education' and opinion upon this document, I would probably shy away from hosting as well, and probably wouldn't even use Air BnB to travel.

I know that there have been situations where things went wrong for guests and for hosts, but I would say that this is a very small percentage. I have traveled and travel ALL over the globe, and all depending on what I do and where I travel to, I sometimes prefer a hotel over an Air BnB accommodation, and sometimes an Air BnB accommodation over a stay at a hotel. In all my travels, I have had more bad experiences staying in hotels, and not staying at Air BnB's.

I understand that a certain 'regulation' on Air BnB's makes sense, but I think that this 'regulation' should mostly go towards people that have multiple listings, that they very often don't care about, and not towards the Air BnB hosts that are responsible hosts, because this is not a 'Black & White' situation, and there is a big grey area within. I have heard and read the stories of parties, and people (neighbors) being inconvenienced by Air BnB guests, and that is exactly why I am so strict with my rules, because I simply do not want and can not have anything like that transpire within my home. I have heard of terrible guests staying in a home, condo, or apartment, but remember, a 'bad renter' could also be a long term renter, and could be there for many years! Short term renters, could potentially result into short term problems, but long term renters could potentially result into long term problems. By renting out my home, I am able to continue to 'do what I do', which is being a full-time musician & photographer, and with all the 'financial ups & downs' that that comes with.

I am able to pay my mortgage, all my other bills, and I am able to put money aside for my retirement, which I started 6 years ago. I will be 52 years of age this year, and I would like to live in my home full time again within the next few years, because I love my home. Late last year, I was diagnosed with cancer, which I have been treated for. However, my insurance would not cover these particular procedures, and I had to pay out of pocket. Again, what I earn through Air BnB is helping me to pay for those bills, which I am extremely thankful for! I am not trying to share a sob story, but I am I am sharing how Air BnB has helped me to make ends meet.

But now things have gotten tougher than ever before, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Literally ALL my work has seized. All live music, live performances, concerts, tours, have been cancelled indefinitely, and it could very well be that we won't be able to work until 2021 (according to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti), and maybe even beyond that. At first, all my Air BnB reservations were cancelled for the month of March/April/May, 2020, but then I had some long term renters, and some first responders staying in my home, which really helped to keep my head above water. I had to call my mortgage lender, and let them know that I couldn't pay my mortgage, and they let me know that I didn't have to pay for 3 months. Who knows what is after the 3 months.

The state of California and the EDD, are not really on the self-employed individuals side, and who knows what will happen there. So, once again, I am on my own, and I have to take care of myself! Renting out my home via Air BnB will allow me do that. It will let me take care of myself within this unprecedented time we all live in. People keep saying 'we are all in the same boat', but we are not! We are all in the same storm, but some of us are in an inflatable boat with a hole in it, and others are on the Queen Mary 2, that is followed by their own food and fuel boat....

To impose a moratorium on STR's during COVID-19, would be disastrous for me, and for many other hosts, because I/we would lose ALL income. PLEASE, do not vote in favor of this. What would you do if you were to lose all your income, and the only option would be is to rent out your home to stay afloat? I think that we all know the answer to that.

Also, many people that travel will not want to stay in large hotels, where they breathe recycled air, and potentially contract the Corona virus. They will want to stay in a home with their loved ones, where they can cook their own meals, and practice social distancing the right and smart way.

My story is just ONE of thousands of stories out there! People had to rent out their homes/part of their homes/guesthouses because of an illness, the death of a significant other, job loss, divorce, an accident, and many other reasons, and this amazing medium and opportunity should not be taken away from them. A lot of these people, including myself, are not the 'greedy land barons', and we shouldn't be lumped in with them.

People from all over the world are trying to make ends meet, and individuals and families in Long Beach are doing that very same thing. Some of these people Uber, some deliver food via Postmates or Door Dash, and others use the Air BnB platform to survive. Please let them! When was the last time you took an Uber? When was the last time you ordered food to be delivered to your home? When was the last time you stayed at an Air BnB yourself?

Please take all of this into consideration when casting your vote. I truly believe that you will do more harm than good by taking away this revenue opportunity from responsible Air BnB hosts.

Especially right now, during this COVID-19 pandemic, it is NOT the time to take this away from people, and make it a part of a political agenda. That is already the case on a state and country wide level, and we are smarter and better than that!

Thank you for your time and please stay healthy and safe out there.

Kind regards,

Jorgen Ingmar

From: Mike Aranda [mailto:driverjoe77@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 12:05 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: Item 20-0453 and R-20

-EXTERNAL-

If We're Paying 13% Hotel Tax, We Need to Get Promotion like Hotels

We deserve some promotion for the \$3.75 M in annual revenue we are contributing.

M.Aranda Co-Host in a Primary Residence since 2017

District 4

From: Steve Askin [mailto:askinsteve@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 12:53 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: Submission re: 20-0453 on the City Council agenda for 5/19/20

-EXTERNAL-

Tom Modica, City Manager and Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Long Beach 411 West Ocean Blvd. Long Beach CA 90802

RE: 20-0453 Recommendation to declare ordinance amending Title 5, Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions of the Long Beach Municipal Code, by adding Chapter 5.77, related to short-term rentals, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading.

To Tom Modica, Mayor Garcia and City Councilmembers,

Thank you for the time and energy you have devoted to creating a legal basis for home sharing in Long Beach. As cohost with my family of a Rose Park Airbnb, and as a strong supporter of tenants' and workers' rights, I have two recommendations for protecting renters and small-scale hosts alike.

Specifically, I recommend that you:

1) **Reduce the number of non-primary STRs** permitted in developments or high rises with 11 or more units (now set at 12% to 15%). Such STRs will take units off the rental market primarily for the benefit of remote owners and investors in large housing complexes.

2) **Reject any amendments which would limit hosted STRs,** whether by number of units or number of days. Such actions could drive many homeowners, especially the 500 Long Beach residents who host rooms in their primary residence, into foreclosure or bankruptcy.

Hosted Airbnbs need to be protected because we provide a unique community service and because we are actually better employers than the big hotel chains. Here's why:

Airbnb's are providing emergency services in a safe environment that hotels can't match. My family, like others, recently hosted the cottage behind our home a family that needed to self-quarantine. Our recent guests arrived with two weeks of food and cleaning supplies. Other hosts provide substantial discounts or free space to health professionals providing vital services. These guests all need to make their own food, and not worry about potential health risks to themselves and others of sharing elevators, narrow hallways, and breathing re-circulated air from large HVAC systems, or lining up for takeout at a hotel restaurant. We are refusing bookings from tourists oblivious to the current crisis and requiring anyone booking with us during the current crisis read and affirmatively state that they will obey the Long Beach "safer at home" regulations. I sincerely doubt that any hotel operator is showing this level of concern for keeping Long Beach safe.

Airbnb has developed fairer labor standards than the hotels which may want to restrict us. Like many of my fellow hosts, I have signed the <u>Airbnb Living Wage Pledge</u>. This means I pay a minimum of \$25 per hour to independent contractors who clean and maintain my properties and that hosts with W2 cleaners pay \$15 per hour plus full health benefits, PTO and paid family leave. For my Airbnb, I hire Long Beach residents directly, so that a

cleaning company won't take out middleman profits. As a labor movement retiree who formerly served as California Research Director for the Fight for 15, I am proud to be working with Airbnb, the only "gig economy" organization that has actually recognized everyone's right to a living wage.

Please pay no mind to the giant hotel chains if they lobby against the small businesses operated by local Airbnb hosts like my family who contribute to the Long Beach economy, pay the hospitality tax and provide needed income for neighbors. Any decision to restrict hosted Airbnb's during the current financial downturn would take away from local families – including mine – earnings we need to pay our mortgages.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steve Askin

Rose Park resident

From: Shawn Black [mailto:sblack1503@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:12 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: STR promote Belmont Shore

-EXTERNAL-

Re: 20-0453

I have been a host for 5 years now. It has helped my husband & I keep our home. Our neighbors have enjoyed our STR for family & friends visiting.

I am strongly against the lottery system for unhosted units. It's not fair to experienced hosts.

I'm also opposed to the reduction of 1700 (1% housing stock) permits to just 1000 which initially the city agreed to.

Also during this time guests prefer self contained units as opposed to public hotels. Hotels want to shut us down. This city will loose a lot of revenue as travelers will go to other cities.

Belmont Shore, CA

From: Starr Bunch [mailto:starr@fivestarrpilatesandfitness.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 8:27 AM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: City Council Meeting 5/19/20. Agenda Item 20-0448

-EXTERNAL-

Attached please find a letter in support of said Agenda Item. Thank you,

Starr Bunch FIVE STARR PILATES & FITNESS



From: California Beach House [mailto:californiabeachhouse@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 12:03 PM
To: CityClerk < <u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>
Subject: Letter to RE: STR Ordinance May 19th 2020

-EXTERNAL-

May 15, 2020

<u>cityclerk@longbeach.gov</u> RE: 20-0453 Recommendation to declare ordinance amending Title 5, Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions of the Long Beach Municipal Code, by adding Chapter 5.77, related to short-term rentals, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading.

Tom Modica, City Manager and Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Long Beach 411 West Ocean Blvd. Long Beach CA 90802 To Tom Modica, Honorable Mayor Garcia and City Councilmembers,

Thank you for your efforts to legalize home sharing and vacation rentals in Long Beach. These alternatives to hotels have existed in the city since the 1920s when silent picture stars left the smog and congestion of Los Angeles to spend time in the sunshine and clean air of the Long Beach shoreline.

While I appreciate that an ordinance, first discussed with the city in November of 2014, is finally coming to fruition, as an Airbnb host in Long Beach, I have concerns and comments about the ordinance.

Lottery for Licenses is Unfair

A lottery for licenses seems unfair. The hosts who have been in the short term rental business longest should be considered first. They are the neighborhood entrepreneurs the city should encourage and enable through licensing. They have proven to be effective in providing accommodations people enjoy and have worked hard to build a successful business. They could be identified by working with Airbnb and HomeAway/Vacation Rental by Owner and any other platforms who have entered into a tax collection agreement with the city to generate a list. This ensures that people who have been waiting for up to 6 years for the city to legitimize their business queue up first. The small Mom and Pop entrepreneurs deserve the support of the city versus large corporate interests who may find themselves first in line.

12% of Buildings with 51 to 100 Dwelling Units and 15% of 101 or more is Too Much

Airbnb started with homesharing and on site hosts who act as ambassadors recommending the best the city has to offer to guests from around the world. Sharing one's home, or offering a second home for vacation rental, informing guests about local attractions, offering discounts to local shops and incentives to frequent local restaurants is far different from enabling up to 33 units for short-term lease in a 222 unit building. Again, this favors corporate interests versus supporting the small, in-home host who averages \$10,000 a year and uses the proceeds to improve their property and pay taxes. Most hosts, like myself, have signed the living wage pledge and employ local people from Long Beach to help clean and maintain their properties, at about 3 times the average hotel wage. Enabling 12 to 15% of large buildings to short term rent violates the home sharing intention at its core and paves the way for corporate arbitrage.

No ban on Unhosted STRs by Petition

Most STR hosts are responsible, with noise and nuisance complaints from short term rental properties representing less than 1% of these city filed complaints (2018 figures). This will cost the city money to administer, from mailers to overseeing the veracity of the petition signatures, pit neighbor against neighbor, and cause enforcement challenges. It may be rejected by the California Coastal Commission as in violation of the Coastal Act, which views STRs as a high-priority, visitor-serving use providing access to our oceanfront to all. The city has a process to de-list the bad actors working with the owners and internet-transacted platforms -- please do not throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Phase it in and Keep it Affordable

Although hosts have been waiting for years for this to happen, please don't rush into enforcement. Provide outreach and clear guidance to hosts and give them time (12 months) to understand and comply with the new rules. Please keep registration fees affordable to all hosts, including primary residence hosts.

If We're Paying 13% Hotel Tax, We Need to Get Promotion like Hotels

We're not telling you how to use the money that is being directed to the General Fund. But if our guests are paying a 13% TOT, it impacts hosts who must lower our rates to compete. We deserve in-kind advertising of STRs in LGB, just like hotels get through the Convention & Visitors Bureau promotions. Jeannine Pearce originally spoke of a website to promote STR stay options in Long Beach. We deserve some promotion for the \$3.75 M in annual revenue we are contributing, half of which is allocated to the Special Advertising Fund of the CVB.

The Post-Covid Staycation is Not Happening in a Hotel

COVID-19 has indelibly changed the nature of travel -- but over the next couple of years, it will re-emerge! For now, a new kind of travel is in store. One that offers destinations with fewer crowds, and local stays with guests driving, not flying, into Long Beach. Extended stays will also be a big part of this new travel.

Right now, during COVID, many Airbnbs with self-contained whole house rentals who can safely do so, following all state and local safety protocols and Airbnb

cleaning regimens, are providing housing for nurses, doctors, and other health professionals who don't want to stay in hotels.

These Airbnb guests want to make their own food, and not worry about potential health risks of sharing elevators, narrow hallways, and breathing re-circulated air from large HVAC systems, or lining up for takeout at a hotel restaurant. We are helping them stay safe and find a place they can call home at a time when they need a nest.

What you elect to do with short term rentals will have lasting impact on the City long after this pandemic is over. Thank you for considering the small host in crafting the final ordinance. They started this business and should find a place in it after the ordinance is enacted. With small hosts like myself in mind who truly care about their city, Long Beach will emerge as a stronger and better place.

With gratitude and thanks,

Member of the Long Beach Hosting Club District 8

From: Ancel Camacho [mailto:ancel3428@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 2:22 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: ITEM 20-0453 and R-20

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Clerk and Long Beach City Councilmembers.

As a student filmmaker documenting responses to the pandemic while staying in Long Beach, I learned that Airbnb is part of the emergency infrastructure providing services where hotels can't help. The guests I interviewed, Lei Tong and Ping Gu, are a Chinese couple who needed to self-isolate at a time when they were unable to go back home because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Fortunately, they found an entire house available as an Airbnb and they actually brought 14 days of food and cleaning supplies when they moved in. I interviewed shortly after that two-week stay inside the home. I hope listening to their story will help you understand why it would be a mistake to restrict the availability of Airbnbs in Long Beach. I urge you to review this short video before voting on short term rental regulations Tuesday https://drive.google.com/open?id=11VwTI4Ts_JLmxs3rpFLQ3XbGM_ID0cBM

Ancel Camacho,

From: sharon@cassaramasonry.com [mailto:sharon@cassaramasonry.com] Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 12:06 PM To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>> Subject: Short Term Rental Legislation

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Long Beach City Clerk,

I own a short term rental in Long Beach I OPPOSE the following items that are coming up on the agenda at an upcoming City Council Meeting on May 19th.

1. The limit of 1000 hosts of unhosted units in the City of Long Beach,

- 2. The Opt out ban on unhosted units
- 3. The lottery drawing for unhosted units

Thank you,

Angelo Cassara Homeowner From: mike@cassaramasonry.com [mailto:mike@cassaramasonry.com] Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 4:37 PM To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>> Subject: City Council Meeting May 19th

-EXTERNAL-

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Mike Cassara President

Mike Cassara Masonry, Inc.

From: scott chapman [mailto:scott@scottlbnow.com]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Mayor <<u>Mayor@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 1 <<u>District1@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 2
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<<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: item 20-0453 on Short Term Rentals please impose moratorium

-EXTERNAL-

I support the amendment of the ordinance to impose a moratorium on short term rental during Covid 19. I live in a condo building on Ocean blvd and owners are still doing short term rentals in my building. All of these rentals are unhosted and not even following the HOA rules.

Scott Chapman

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From: Patricia Chen [mailto:patriciachill88@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 11:18 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 5 <<u>District5@longbeach.gov</u>>;
mayorrobertgarcia@longbeach.gov; Kenny Chen <<u>kennychen108@gmail.com</u>>
Subject: Moratorium on Short Term Rentals

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Mayor Garcia, Councilwoman Mungo, and Mr. Modica,

I'm writing to ask you not to move forward with a moratorium on STRs. My husband's and my listing is cleaner and safer than a hotel room. We leave it empty for 2 weeks after each guest. Hotels should receive a moratorium before we do. Also, our listing does not compete with the rental market. It is just a room with a bathroom: no kitchen. It is not suitable for long-term rental. There is absolutely no reason to close our listing, so please don't.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patricia and Kenny Chen

P.S. We have lived at our residence for 20 years and we vote in every election.

From: John Choi [mailto:john.choi@airbnb.com] Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 12:59 PM To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>> Subject: Item 16 - Short Term Rentals

-EXTERNAL-

I want to thank the City Council and city staff for their attention and on this important issue, and we are pleased to see the City preparing to take the final steps towards legalizing short term rentals in Long Beach. For primary residence hosts, the extra income from sharing their home will help make ends meet in increasingly difficult times sparked by the global COVID-19 health crisis. Vacation rental homes will play a pivotal role in offering authentic and affordable stays to help the local economy rebound as the world returns to travel.

As the Long Beach City Council considers this latest version of the ordinance we encourage the council to consider additional amendments that we believe will create a fairer and stronger ordinance that preserves many of the benefits of short-term rentals, while preventing illegal listings and community disturbances.

1.

2. Vacation

3. Rental Permit Limitations

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 - b. We believe it was the Council's
 - c. intent to set the initial number of Vacation Rental (VR) permits at 1,000, but to allow for the Council to either increase or decrease the number based on an annual assessment of the city's vacancy rates for rental housing. The ordinance as currently drafted
 - d. does not memorialize the Council's intent to use the City's vacancy rates to help set this adjustment We recommend formalizing an annual report back to the Council on the City's vacancy rates and to amend the ordinance to allow for the number of permits
 - e. to exceed 1,000 if housing vacancy rates in any given 12 month period increase beyond
 - f. 8%

g.

- h.
- i. Due to variances in
- j. Long Beach's housing vacancy rate depending on the sources, staff shall utilize the CA Office of Finance's vacancy rate for Long Beach when reporting annually to Councilmembers
- k.
- 2.
- 3. Hosting
- 4. Platform Responsibilities

a.

b. To fulfill staff's intention

c. to create an efficient means to remove illegal short-term rental listings, we request the amendments of Section 5.77.050.A to reflect the November 2019 draft ordinance and its intent to allow for a notice/takedown compliance framework:

- d.
- i. "Hosting Platforms shall
- iii. not process or complete any booking transaction for any STR if
- iv. notified by the City that a valid STR registration number has not been issued by the city
- v. to the operator or if the operator is in violation of Section 5.77.050.C.
- vi. Hosting platforms are required to list the STR registration number and expiration date. Hosting platforms
- vii. shall not process or complete any booking transaction for any property located in the City
- viii. if notified
 - ix.by the City it would exceed the limit of days as set forth in Section 5.77.050.C.
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4. Census

5. Tract Opt-out - Section 5.77.080

- 6.
- a.
 - b. To support responsible primary

c. residence homeowners who host in their homes when they travel, the opt-out should be limited to Vacation Rentals within a census-tract, and not include unhosted stays in Primary Residences

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- f. To prevent fraud and abuse,
- g. petition signatures should be verified by Office of Community Development. To prevent undue outside influence from third parties, only property owners within a census tract shall be able to canvass neighbors to collect signatures, and the source and amount

h. of funds used towards the process of obtaining or mailing signatures should be publicly reported.

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4. 5. **ADUs**

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- a.
- b. Recently updated state law
- c. prohibits new ADUs constructed after
- d. Jan 1, 2020, but does not prohibit ADUs built before this date. The Long Beach ordinance takes the additional step of extending this prohibition to ADUs built
- e. before

f. Jan 1, 2020, effectively restricting all ADUs in the City of Long Beach from short term rental use. We recommend the City amend its ordinance to allow ADUs constructed and permitted before Jan 1, 2020 to be eligible for short term rental use.

Thank you for your consideration and support of local hosts and small businesses.

airbnb

John Choi Public Policy Los Angeles

From: Kristi Cirtwill [mailto:professionalhomehelp@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Kristi Cirtwill <professionalhomehelp@gmail.com</p>
Subject: Short term rentals

-EXTERNAL-

Please DO NOT put a moratorium on short term rentals! It is ridiculous to think that you can tell private property owners what to do with our property. We are helping people by providing these rentals! They are 100 times cleaner and safer than a hotel and I pay a good wage to my cleaners! Please have common sense about this and let us earn this small income so we can feed ourselves and pay our bills during this hard time!!

Kristi Cirtwill

From: Sam Diephuis [mailto:sam@samdiephuis.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 10:13 AM
To: CityClerk < CityClerk@longbeach.gov
Subject: Please</pre>

-EXTERNAL-

- No ban on unhosted short term rentals.
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Sam Diephuis Photography

From: Melissa Fawl [mailto:melissafawl@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 3:10 PM

To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 1 <<u>District1@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 2 <<u>District2@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 3 <<u>District3@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 4 <<u>District4@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 5 <<u>District5@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 6 <<u>District6@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 7 <<u>District7@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 8 <<u>District8@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 9 <<u>District9@longbeach.gov</u>>; suzie@suzieprice.com; rickjong@live.com; marcitasche@gmail.com
Subject: NO VOTE!

-EXTERNAL-

Please do not ban unhosted short term rentals. The current 1,000 unhosted STRs should be expanded to 1,500. We have 1,000 now according to city consultants. This represents less than 1% (0.75%) of housing stock. Thirteen percent of buildings with 51 or more residential units and 15% of buildings with 101 and more residential units is too much and encourages corporate arbitrage. Don't take income away from neighborhood entrepreneurs and give it to outside corporations.

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Sincerely,

Melissa Fawl

From: Jan Ferguson [mailto:janferguson4827@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 10:22 AM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: Re: Letter to cityclerk@longbeach.gov RE: STR Ordinance May 19th 2020

-EXTERNAL-

On Fri, May 15, 2020 at 12:38 PM Jan Ferguson <<u>janferguson4827@gmail.com</u>> wrote:

May 15, 2020

To Tom Modica, Honorable Mayor Garcia and City Council members,

I also wanted to thank you for your efforts to legalize home sharing and vacation rentals in Long Beach as well.

I am a member of the Long Beach Hosting Club, District 3, and want to concur with the communication below. I especially want to reiterate that Lottery for Licenses is unfair and all current long term airbnb hosts should be able to apply for a License.

I am a responsible host and love our amazing city. I have lived in Long Beach 35+ years and raised 3 daughters who all went to Lowell Elementary School, Rogers Middle School and Woodrow Wilson High School. Our youngest is currently attending Cal State Long Beach 'The Beach'.

My husband is now retired and I lost my 'corporate' job in 2014 so we depend on our 'Hosting' income to pay property taxes, home maintenance, utility bills, etc. We built our current home in 2004 which gives you an idea of how much we love our neighborhood and the City of Long Beach! Our immediate family ALL LIVE in Long Beach including our oldest daughter, her husband and 2 children (grandchildren). Our 29 year old daughter moved back from Beverly Hills area to settle down and hopefully by a home in Long Beach. Lastly, our youngest is attending Cal State Long Beach (as mentioned before) with a double major in Chemistry and Dance.

Please keep in mind the 'small' entrepreneurial hosts in your consideration as we truly care about the city and love sharing all that Long Beach has to offer! Your decision will have a lasting impact on small hosts like myself and our future in the city we love.

Thank you,

Member of the Hosting Club

District 3

May 15, 2020

<u>cityclerk@longbeach.gov</u> RE: 20-0453 Recommendation to declare ordinance amending Title 5, Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions of the Long Beach Municipal Code, by adding Chapter 5.77, related to short-term rentals, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading.

Tom Modica, City Manager and Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Long Beach 411 West Ocean Blvd. Long Beach CA 90802 To Tom Modica, Honorable Mayor Garcia and City Councilmembers,

Thank you for your efforts to legalize home sharing and vacation rentals in Long Beach. These alternatives to hotels have existed in the city since the 1920s when silent picture stars left the smog and congestion of Los Angeles to spend time in the sunshine and clean air of the Long Beach shoreline.

While I appreciate that an ordinance, first discussed with the city in November of 2014, is finally coming to fruition, as an Airbnb host in Long Beach, I have concerns and comments about the ordinance.

Lottery for Licenses is Unfair

A lottery for licenses seems unfair. The hosts who have been in the short term rental business longest should be considered first. They are the neighborhood entrepreneurs the city should encourage and enable through licensing. They have proven to be effective in providing accommodations people enjoy and have worked hard to build a successful business. They could be identified by working with Airbnb and HomeAway/Vacation Rental by Owner and any other platforms who have entered into a tax collection agreement with the city to generate a list. This ensures that people who have been waiting for up to 6 years for the city to legitimize their business queue up first. The small Mom and Pop entrepreneurs deserve the support of the city versus large corporate interests who may find themselves first in line.

12% of Buildings with 51 to 100 Dwelling Units and 15% of 101 or more is Too Much

Airbnb started with homesharing and on site hosts who act as ambassadors recommending the best the city has to offer to guests from around the world. Sharing one's home, or offering a second home for vacation rental, informing guests about local attractions, offering discounts to local shops and incentives to frequent local restaurants is far different from enabling up to 33 units for short-term lease in a 222 unit building. Again, this favors corporate interests versus supporting the small, in-home host who averages \$10,000 a year and uses

the proceeds to improve their property and pay taxes. Most hosts, like myself, have signed the living wage pledge and employ local people from Long Beach to help clean and maintain their properties, at about 3 times the average hotel wage. Enabling 12 to 15% of large buildings to short term rent violates the home sharing intention at its core and paves the way for corporate arbitrage.

No ban on Unhosted STRs by Petition

Most STR hosts are responsible, with noise and nuisance complaints from short term rental properties representing less than 1% of these city filed complaints (2018 figures). This will cost the city money to administer, from mailers to overseeing the veracity of the petition signatures, pit neighbor against neighbor, and cause enforcement challenges. It may be rejected by the California Coastal Commission as in violation of the Coastal Act, which views STRs as a high-priority, visitor-serving use providing access to our oceanfront to all. The city has a process to de-list the bad actors working with the owners and internet-transacted platforms -- please do not throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Phase it in and Keep it Affordable

Although hosts have been waiting for years for this to happen, please don't rush into enforcement. Provide outreach and clear guidance to hosts and give them time (12 months) to understand and comply with the new rules. Please keep registration fees affordable to all hosts, including primary residence hosts.

If We're Paying 13% Hotel Tax, We Need to Get Promotion like Hotels

We're not telling you how to use the money that is being directed to the General Fund. But if our guests are paying a 13% TOT, it impacts hosts who must lower our rates to compete. We deserve in-kind advertising of STRs in LGB, just like hotels get through the Convention & Visitors Bureau promotions. Jeannine Pearce originally spoke of a website to promote STR stay options in Long Beach. We deserve some promotion for the \$3.75 M in annual revenue we are contributing, half of which is allocated to the Special Advertising Fund of the CVB.

The Post-Covid Staycation is Not Happening in a Hotel

COVID-19 has indelibly changed the nature of travel -- but over the next couple of years, it will re-emerge! For now, a new kind of travel is in store. One that offers destinations with fewer crowds, and local stays with guests driving, not flying, into Long Beach. Extended stays will also be a big part of this new travel.

Right now, during COVID, many Airbnbs with self-contained whole house rentals who can safely do so, following all state and local safety protocols and Airbnb cleaning regimens, are providing housing for nurses, doctors, and other health professionals who don't want to stay in hotels.

These Airbnb guests want to make their own food, and not worry about potential health risks of sharing elevators, narrow hallways, and breathing re-circulated air from large HVAC systems, or lining up for takeout at a hotel restaurant. We are helping them stay safe and find a place they can call home at a time when they need a nest.

What you elect to do with short term rentals will have lasting impact on the City long after this pandemic is over. Thank you for considering the small host in crafting the final ordinance. They started this business and should find a place in it after the ordinance is enacted. With small hosts like myself in mind who truly care about their city, Long Beach will emerge as a stronger and better place.

With gratitude and thanks,

Member of the Long Beach Hosting Club District 8

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Jan Ferguson Breakout Sales & Marketing & Good Choice Brokerage

From: San Ghareebo [mailto:tapameze@att.net]
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 6:43 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: 20-0453 on Short Term Rentals

-EXTERNAL-

Dear council members,

I have been Sanitizing my place and making sure each guest is safe at my vacation rentals. Many Guests Complemented how super clean and sanitize my place is in my reviews!

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Many thanks,

Sam Ghareebo, Belmont Shore 90803

From: smu2degreesn4@aol.com] Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 6:11 PM To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 9 <<u>District9@longbeach.gov</u>> Cc: ditmar89@aol.com Subject: Re: URGENT - PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THE BAN OF STRs

-EXTERNAL-

District 9 Council member (Rex Richardson)

I have been an Airbnb guest on several occasions with Superhost, Theresa Morrison. She has 2 Airbnb listings in the North Long Beach Deforest Park area. I fully support Airbnb!!

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Having been in Theresa's home, I can speak first hand to the fact that cleaners follow rigorous cleaning protocols from the Centers for Disease Control including ventilating rooms, washing hands, wearing gloves, cleaning, then disinfecting with bleach or 70% alcohol, focusing on frequently touched surfaces, including light switches, doorknobs, remote controls and faucets, as well as washing all linens at the highest heat. There is no central air re-circulating like in a hotel and no opportunity to interact with other individuals in these stand alone, self-contained units.

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D. Givens

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Cc: Long Beach City Clerk Council members From: Ana Carolina Gomes [mailto:anacarolinaggr@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:58 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: Support for short term rentals

-EXTERNAL-

I am writing this letter in full support of Airbnb continuing to operate as is in Long Beach, CA. Short term rentals allow people to experience our city in an unique way.

Guests stay in residencial areas, shop locally and eat locally, injecting money in communities that otherwise would never get tourists.

Thank you!!

Ana Rosa

From: Walter Gonzales (ELCA) [mailto:wagonzales@expediagroup.com] Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 7:34 AM To: Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District5 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <<u>District8@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 9 <<u>District9@longbeach.gov</u>> Cc: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; City Manager <CityManager@longbeach.gov>; Linda Tatum <<u>Linda.Tatum@longbeach.gov</u>>; Diana Tang <<u>Diana.Tang@longbeach.gov</u>>; Kjell Stava <Kjell.Stava@longbeach.gov>; Walter Gonzales (ELCA) <wagonzales@expediagroup.com>; Raymond Morquecho <<u>Raymond.Morquecho@longbeach.gov</u>; Randy Hope <<u>Randy.Hope@longbeach.gov</u>; Jack Cunningham <Jack.Cunningham@longbeach.gov>; Summer Smith <Summer.Smith@longbeach.gov>; Isabel Arvea <Isabel.Arvea@longbeach.gov>; Celina Luna <Celina.Luna@longbeach.gov>; Jonathan Kraus <<u>Jonathan.Kraus@longbeach.gov</u>>; Matthew Hamlett <<u>Matthew.Hamlett@longbeach.gov</u>> Subject: Long Beach Short-Term Rental Proposed Ordinance - Cleanliness Standards Importance: High

-EXTERNAL-

Good Morning Mayor and Councilmembers,

In response to your May 19, 2020 Council hearing on short-term rentals, I would like to share some vital information on short-term rental cleanliness standards. I hope this will address any issues you have with STR cleanliness standards and the effort our partners are undertaking to make sure travelers have a safe stay at their properties. Additionally, we believe an unhosted property will provide a safe, if not safer, lodging experience for the traveler.

Vrbo worked closely with government, travel industry and medical experts to ensure homeowners, property managers, and travelers are receiving aligned, clear cleanliness recommendations. Vrbo's <u>new</u> <u>guidelines</u> combine information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and Cristal International Standards (part of international certification and training company Intertek Group).

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Vrbo was also part of the US Travel Association task force charged with developing <u>travel industry</u> <u>guidelines</u> and also collaborated on the Vacation Rental Management Association's (VRMA) <u>guidelines</u>.

We now have three levels of guidance being share within our industry: <u>U.S. Travel's</u> covering – from a macro level – the entire travel ecosystem, <u>VRMA</u> covering professionally managed vacation rentals, and <u>Vrbo</u> for partners of all stripes advertising on our platform. Vrbo believes proactive and science-based guidelines are vital to the responsible recovery of tourism in our communities.

Please see the press release below published Friday, May 8, and a <u>piece in Forbes</u> around the launch.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thank You.

As families think about when they can travel again, Vrbo announces new tools to meet the new needs of customers

AUSTIN, Texas – May 8, 2020 – Today Vrbo[®] announced new ways for families to find vacation homes, so that when they are ready to travel again they can easily find accommodations that meet their standards for cleanliness, flexible cancellations, and destinations not too far from home.

"Vrbo has been connecting families with private, whole homes for 25 years, and it's obvious that COVID-19 has added to what people need as they plan their next trip – having the flexibility to change or cancel plans and knowing how a space has been cleaned are essential to feeling comfortable enough to travel again," said Vrbo president Jeff Hurst. "We're adding the tools quickly to meet those additional requirements families now have when they are choosing a place to stay, as well as the systems our homeowners and property managers need to clearly communicate their policies and standards with future guests. Transparency between travelers and homeowners about expectations and protocols is more important than ever."

Cleanliness Guidelines and Search Filters

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Vrbo is adding enhanced safety steps partners are taking to property descriptions so travelers can choose places to book that meet their expectations. Homeowners and property managers

will be able to report if the property is being cleaned with disinfectant, if guests can check in and out without any person-to-person contact, and whether the property is unavailable for 24 hours between guests. Once property owners have supplied that information, Vrbo will add it to the property descriptions that travelers see on the site and app.

Vrbo is part of Expedia Group, and even before COVID-19, cleanliness and safety have always been fundamental, foundational requirements for lodging and a top traveler expectation when renting a vacation home. Travelers say their most valuable source of information is people who have already stayed in the house, cabin or condo. In another addition to Vrbo, families will be able use search filters to see vacation rentals with the highest cleanliness reviews from other travelers. Former guests have already provided cleanliness reviews on 900,000 Vrbo properties.

Flexible Cancellation Search Filter

According to a recent survey of Vrbo travelers, more than 75% of respondents are more likely to choose accommodations with flexible cancellation policies when booking their next vacation home.¹ When looking for properties with flexible cancellation policies, families will be able to use Vrbo search filters to find vacation homes that provide a full refund when cancelling by a specific date. Vrbo will also highlight listings with the most relaxed cancellation policies, making it easier for families to find vacation homes that offer free cancellation closer to their check-in date.

"Vrbo's homeowners and property managers across the US told us in a survey² that in response to COVID-19, adopting more flexible cancellation policies is the number one thing they are considering doing in the near future, so we're supporting that by making the changes easy for them and highlighting the more than half a million properties that already have flexible cancellation policies and those that are adopting them," said Hurst.

Drivable Destinations

Vrbo travelers surveyed also said they are more likely to travel domestically, drive to their destination and be more budget-conscious when it comes to family vacations.¹ Vrbo.com will provide recommendations for nearby getaways, and the Vrbo app will soon provide drivable destination ideas to travelers who provide their location information. Families looking for getaways close to home can find inspiration by using Vrbo's drivable destinations site at <u>vrbo.com/travel/staycation</u>.

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Walter R. Gonzales

From: Walter Gonzales (ELCA) [mailto:wagonzales@expediagroup.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 7:32 AM
To: Mayor <<u>Mayor@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 1 <<u>District1@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 2
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Subject: Short-Term Rental Proposed Ordinance - 5.19.20 Council Agenda

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Mayor Garcia and Councilmembers,

Thank you for the continued opportunity to collaborate with the City of Long Beach on the proposed short-term rental ordinance. Expedia Group is a family of brands that includes vacation rental leaders Vrbo and HomeAway. Our experience working with communities in California and around the world gives us a unique understanding of the kinds of regulations that work for municipalities like Long Beach.

As we have noted in our ongoing discussions with City of Long Beach staff, Expedia Group supports regulations and oversight of the short-term rental (STR) industry. We see STRs as an important part of the tourism fabric. STRs provide an essential option for travelers, especially families, and gives them an opportunity to enjoy your beautiful city in a more personal setting.

We write to provide feedback on the revised Platform Responsibilities Section of the ordinance, Section 5.77.070. Item A requires platforms to list the registration number *and* the expiration date of that registration. Based on our understanding of traveler behavior, it is our opinion that providing the expiration date does not adequately provide reassurance that the registration number will be valid at the time of a traveler's stay, particularly for travelers who plan their vacation months in advance. It would, in fact, have the opposite effect of creating the wrong impression and deterring reservations at a property after the displayed expiration date. No other jurisdiction in the U.S. requires HomeAway to do this. And for good reason: a family sitting down in December to plan its spring break or summer vacation in Long Beach would see numerous of perfectly valid listings with expiration dates before their planned vacation—and that family likely won't book at those properties, even though the property owner has every intention of renewing the registration.

As this proposal moves forward, we encourage Long Beach to keep two practical considerations in mind. First, the City is requiring platforms to list only properties with a valid registration, the City must make its registration information available to platforms, which means creating a registry of valid, registered properties that is updated regularly and frequently. Developing a registry portal and system can be a complex and time-consuming task. Based on our experiences with similar efforts in other cities, Expedia Group recommends allowing enough time to develop the needed system. Second, once enabled, the City's license registry, which must be accessible to platforms, must be updated at least once per day, and ideally in real time, as licenses are approved or revoked. That allows newly licensed operators to list their properties on STR platforms as soon as they are eligible and helps platforms remove unlicensed properties without delay.

Again, we are grateful for the City's efforts to engage with Expedia Group as part of this process. We look forward to continuing our work with you to identify sustainable, workable, and legal ways to assist Long Beach's efforts to increase compliance with local regulations. Please feel free to contact me at wagonzales@expediagroup.com or 512-505-1615 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Walter R. Gonzales

Government Affairs Manager, Southwest Region promptly destroy all electronic and printed copies of this communication and any attachment. From: Sophia King Hanna [mailto:sophia.opal@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 1:34 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: Short Term Rentals ITEM 20-0453 and R-20, May 19

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Clerk, Mayor Garcia and City Council members:

My name is Sophia Hanna. I am 19 years old, and I've lived my entire life in Rose Park. Airbnb helped me realize my dream to travel the world, and now my family's Airbnb in Long Beach is helping us share that dream with others. I understand that the City is considering a new law regarding Airbnbs. I'm writing to request that the City Council not take any action which would interfere with our right to share the second house on our family's property with guests.

For a long time, I begged my family for a chance to travel internationally, and last year I finally got to take an entire term off from school to do that. From Rome, to Athens, to Cairo to Johannesburg and Cape Town we spent three months travelling, always staying at short-term-rentals.

My mom is a teacher and my dad is semi-retired, so we couldn't afford such a trip if hotels were the only option. Staying in Airbnbs and HomeAways meant we could cook our own meals and have a comfortable place for everyone traveling in our group without breaking the budget. For me, as a student pilot taking my flight lessons at our great Long Beach Airport, one of the high points of the trip was that I got to fly a plane over Johannesburg.

While my parents and I traveled, my older brother worked to set up the back house on our property as an Airbnb. Since coming back, we've hosted and gotten to know guests from China, Korea, Sweden and Ghana and all over the U.S. We have swings and a slide from when my siblings and I were little, so we are able to provide an especially pleasant stay for families with kids. Just like me and my family, many of the families that stay with us either couldn't afford, or wouldn't be nearly as comfortable, if there only options were hotels.

I've never 'testified' at city council or anywhere else before, but now I wish I could be there in person to share pictures from my family's Airbnb journey. Instead, I'll just say that I am asking the City Council to place no restrictions on Airbnbs that would interfere with the ability of average families from around the world to affordably enjoy Long Beach and Southern California.

Catherine Hanna: I'm Sophia's mom, and I want to add my voice on Airbnb. I want to specifically ask you to not promote neighbor against neighbor conflict through petitions to close Airbnbs. As an Airbnb host I have zero tolerance for the handful of STR operators who fail to control their properties, but there is a far better solution.

First, let me explain why we operate an Airbnb. My large close-knit family is scattered across the country, and we even have extended family as far away as Dubai and Cape Town. An ordinary full-time rental won't work for us, because we often need our back house for visiting family and friends. Because my husband and I traveled widely while homeschooling our kids, we also provide a discounted place for fellow homeschoolers to stay with their families. And since the start of the Covid-19 crisis, we've made

it available to families who must self-isolate, which would be impossible at a hotel. And of course, renting our back house as an Airbnb lets us earn money that helps pay our mortgage when family members and friends aren't visiting.

I don't have a strong opinion about "unhosted" Airbnbs, but I am very worried, and you should be worried too, about the proposal to let neighbors petition against Airbnb. This is guaranteed to churn up divisive chatter in negative spaces like the NextDoor app, without dealing with genuine problem Airbnbs. You all know how much money the hotel lobby puts into local politics, and I can see them using such a law to pay for PR that pit neighbor against neighbor. There is a better way. The city should use part of the host's STR tax money for enforcement against the few STRs which become a genuine nuisance by allowing noisy parties or committing other violations. Instead of passing a law that can only foment disputes, use the money we pay the city to host to fund strict and swift enforcement against problem STRs, up to and including mandatory closure of repeat offenders.

Sincerely,

Sophia and Catherine Hanna

From: Mark lannazzo [mailto:miannazzo2@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 5:41 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: HOTEL Industry pushing for moratorium on STR's in Long Beach

-EXTERNAL-

City Council Members,

I strongly oppose the moratorium suggested against STR's in Long Beach.

It has been the only refuge for some during this COVID 19 Pandemic.

The hotel industry is in crisis due to the Covid-19 issue. According to AIR BNB they are going to try to put a moratorium on Short Term Rentals in Long Beach at the upcoming November 19th Council Meeting.

STR's will provide a cleaner and safer environment for travelers coming to Long Beach as opposed to hotels with crowds, elevators and HVAC systems circulating reused air.

Mark lannazzo

City Rentals

From: Connie Ilg [mailto:caldreaming77@gmail.com] Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 12:00 PM To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>> Subject: Item 20-453 and R-20

-EXTERNAL-

Regarding making STR regs

Keep registration fees affordable to all hosts, including primary residence hosts who, on average, receive \$10,000 a year in revenues from hosting.

Constance Ilg SuperHost Consecutive since 2016

District 4

From: Tova Katz [mailto:tovakatz616@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:43 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: referencing ITEM-20-0453 and R-20 comment

-EXTERNAL-

Hi,

This is referencing ITEM-20-0453 and R-20 and is a comment for Tuesday's City Council meeting.

When we had to get out of our Koreatown apartment for major repairs in the middle of a pandemic, my partner and I at first didn't know where to go or what to do. We knew we wouldn't feel safe in a hotel, even if occupancy is low, because there'd still be all those people sharing elevators, walking through narrow halls, breathing whatever floats through the HVAC system and lining up to get take-out meals at the hotel restaurant.

Fortunately, we found a comfortable Airbnb in a detached home in a beautiful Long Beach neighborhood. We've been able to get to know a host family who love Long Beach, chatting with each other while maintaining social distance. And now that we've gotten to know Long Beach, we're actually eager for a permanent move to your great city. When the current crisis winds down and our lease runs out, my partner and will be looking into finding a new home here.

Airbnbs are hard to find in the city of Los Angeles where I live, probably because the city has imposed restrictions on them. I'm delighted that the limits on Airbnb near my home made me come to Long Beach, but I'd urge this city to not make the same mistakes as LA, especially at a time when there are many people like me who see Airbnb as a safer alternative to traditional hotels.

Signed,

Tova Katz

From: GERALD L ANDERSON [mailto:canalfolk@verizon.net]

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:01 PM

To: Council District 1 <<u>District1@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 2 <<u>District2@longbeach.gov</u>>; district3@longbeach.gob; Council District 4 <<u>District4@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 5 <<u>District5@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 6 <<u>District6@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 7 <<u>District7@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 8 <<u>District8@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 9 <<u>District9@longbeach.gov</u>>; Mayor <<u>Mayor@longbeach.gov</u>>; CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>; Tom Modica <<u>Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov</u>>

Subject: May 19, 2020 City Council Agenda item 16 (20-0453), Short-term Vacation Rental ordinance

-EXTERNAL-

The attachment is my comment on the subject Council item. I submitted it as an ecomment in the calendar system but did not get any acknowledgement that it had been transmitted.

Gerald Anderson Naples

May 19, 2020

I have provided comments throughout all the steps in the process of developing this ordinance including the consultant studies, CEQA process and Council meetings. Generally summarizing my previous comments, all STRs are detrimental to the character, comfort, safety and security of established family neighborhoods by the constant turnover of strangers vacationing and partying. Unhosted rentals are particularly damaging because of the absence of supervision and the higher numbers of vacationing and partying strangers coming and going. Virtually all of the major problems regarding STRs that we hear about have occurred when unhosted. The City would be well served by the Council prohibiting unhosted stays as a number of other jurisdictions around the state have done. These include several communities under California Coastal Commission jurisdiction.

With regard to specifics of the ordinance, Section 5.77.080, "Request to Petition to restrict un-hosted short-term rentals within a geographical [census tract] [census block group]", I have the following comments:

First, the use of the smaller census block group for petition boundaries appears to be a very positive change. An entire census tract might still be considered as an option that smaller tracts might choose. Second, many people receiving a ballot in the mail will set it aside or even discard it. It might be difficult to get 50% of an entire census block group to vote one way or the other. It would seem more reasonable to use 50% of the returned ballots as is common with other voting.

These comments not withstanding and considering the extensive work and negotiation that has been put into this issue, section 5.77.080 should be passed as worded.

Thank you,

Gerald Anderson, Naples

From: Kathryn Levassiur [mailto:levassiurk@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 2:45 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: 20-0453 proposed short-term rental ordinance

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City of Long Beach City Clerk,

Re: 20-0453 proposed short-term rental ordinance

As a short-term rental operator in the City of Huntington Beach since 2015, with no business ties whatsoever in the City of Long Beach, I urge the LB City Council to focus on an STR ordinance that will result in high compliance rates, encourage the very best STR's to succeed and generate long-term sustainable tourism revenue in the form of supporting local LB businesses, increased sales tax and TOT revenues.

I consider the cities of Long Beach and Huntington Beach practically neighbors, with both vying for tourism as an important source of revenue to balance our budgets. I have attended the city's STR workshops, town halls, listening sessions, attended the 1/21/20 council meeting and will be watching the 5/19/20 meeting, as well as attending Long Beach Home Sharing group meetings. I have also been avidly attending other cities' public meetings since 2017, and have come to the conclusion that in order to have a successful STR program, there must be high compliance rates and regulations created to generate good neighbor policies, encourage the very best STR's to succeed, which in turn produce maximum long-term and sustainable revenues for the city. The one item to be considered at the upcoming council meeting that I urge council to not adopt is a lottery system for STR permits. Would you want the city to permit a 4-star or less STR and forgo a 5-star vacation rental that a lottery system is surely to create? A lottery system would be completely arbitrary and would definitely lower compliance rates to a new STR ordinance because people who are not picked will continue to operate, that I can assure you.

In closing, many visitors to LB and HB want safe and clean accommodations during their stays. Many of my guests tell me that STR's are their first choice when booking stays. I can personally attest that STR guests in LB and HB patronize local businesses, that they want to shop, dine and see all of the local attractions our cities and their surrounding environs have to offer – which is plentiful. I wish you a successful council meeting on 5/19. I will be avidly watching. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Kathryn Levassiur From: info@hbstra.org [mailto:info@hbstra.org]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 1:24 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: 20-0453 proposed short-term rental ordinance

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City of Long Beach City Clerk,

Re: 20-0453 proposed short-term rental ordinance

Speaking on behalf of Huntington Beach Short-Term Rental Alliance members, we stand in support of a fair STR ordinance in the City of Long Beach. The cities of Huntington Beach and Long Beach are practically neighbors. Both of our cities rely on tourism. Visitors to our cities want safe, clean accommodations. We urge Long Beach City Council to adopt regulations that encourage the very best STR's to succeed and that begins with not adopting a lottery system to reward STR permits which is an extremely arbitrary way to issue permits.

You are leading the way. What happens in Long Beach doesn't just stay in Long Beach. Your decisions ripple to other southern California coastal cities all the way from Santa Barbara to San Diego.

In closing, we urge council to take the long view and create an STR ordinance that results in high compliance rates, offers the best quality tourism accommodations and maximizes long-term sustainable sales tax and TOT revenues for the city.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Levassiur

From: Tom Modica
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 8:12 AM
To: Laura Lindgren <<u>lindgrenl@yahoo.com</u>>; robertgarcia@longbeach.gov
Cc: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: Opposition to Short Term Rental Ordinance, Agenda Item No. 16

Thank you, we are sharing with the City Clerk to make it part of the public comment for Tuesday.

From: Laura Lindgren <<u>lindgrenl@yahoo.com</u>>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 1:07 PM
To: robertgarcia@longbeach.gov
Cc: Tom Modica <<u>Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: Opposition to Short Term Rental Ordinance, Agenda Item No. 16

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Mayor and Council,

I urge the entire Council to consider residents' widely shared concerns when voting on Agenda Item No. 16, the proposed short-term rental ("STR") ordinance, and in particular to reject the highly unusual and harmful term allowing non-resident owners to conduct full-time short-term rentals and commercial events in residential neighborhoods. These terms harm all residents, while providing unwarranted financial benefits to non-resident owners at our expense. The Long Beach proposal allows non-resident owners to rent out homes and units short-term 365 days per year, basically running full-time commercial hotels in residential neighborhoods. It also, and amazingly, allows those who rent STRs to have up to six 24-hour permits for large events like weddings, parties and other over-size gatherings.

These provisions, if adopted, will destroy neighborhoods and quality of life, further drive up housing costs, and take much needed housing units out of the market for housing Long Beach residents. It will harm the important hotel industry at a time when it will be attempting to recover from the current shut-down. The proposal is radically at odds with the short-term rental ordinances in every neighboring town and virtually every other California community. The Short-Term Rental (STR) ordinance was preliminarily approved by the Long Beach City Council on Jan. 21, over the protests of most residents who attended the meeting, and without any community outreach for the entirety of 2019 or 2020, and almost no opportunity for advance review by residents. It is now the Council agenda, again with almost no notice and without the text of the ordinance ever being provided publicly in advance. Unless rejected or revised, this ordinance will go into effect with serious, adverse consequences for Long Beach residents.

The troubling provisions are the terms applicable to non-resident owners, or "investors", who buy homes for the primary purpose of conducting short-term rental operations. The ordinance allows non-primary resident investors to buy multiple properties to operate as short-term rentals 365 days per year. This creates unlimited and unregulated hotel operations in residential areas anywhere in our city. The investors profit at the expense of the resident neighbors who suffer the neighborhood degradation, noise and other nuisances and increased housing costs associated with these hotel operations.

Equally troubling is that every one of the investor owned full-time STR properties would otherwise be available to address housing needs of local residents. In the midst of a housing crisis, the Council preliminarily approved a measure that they acknowledge will remove at least a thousand units (and likely many more) from the stock of available housing, with a provision to enable increases every year.

This ordinance harms all Long Beach residents, even those in neighborhoods with few STRs. Sacramento has threatened draconian measures on cities and towns that fail to increase available local housing. This includes financial sanctions and proposals to allow multi-unit, multi-story buildings in any residential area, destroying the peace and privacy of our homes and accelerating the destruction of our many historic neighborhoods. Long Beach will make itself a target of such measures if it adopts an ordinance that significantly decreases available housing.

The proposed ordinance is out-of-step with the trend in rules governing STRs in other California cities, which is to prohibit or restrict non-owner occupied STRs in order to preserve neighborhoods and available housing. Most similar cities prohibit STRs, or non-owner occupied STRs altogether in residential areas, for example, Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, Manhattan Beach, Santa Monica, Laguna Beach, Orinda, San Diego (limits STR license to owner's primary residence). Others limit the number of days any home can be short-term rented; for example, San Francisco, limited to full-time residents only and 90 days of rental per year. Such limitations avoid "hotel" operations in residential neighborhoods and the adverse impacts on long-term housing.

The provisions of the proposed Long Beach ordinance addressing short term rentals by **resident** owners are reasonable and in sharp contrast to the lack of restrictions on non-resident owners. Those provisions allow unlimited hosted/owner occupied short-term rentals (where an owner who is present rents out a room in the home), and allow a primary residence to be short-term rented up to 90 days per year. These provisions provide needed income to our local residents, while the presence and involvement of the owner generally prevents the nuisance activity and neighborhood degradation that accompany unsupervised "hotel" operations.

Non-resident owners should be subject to the same or stronger restrictions. Short-term rentals in Long Beach should be prohibited for non-resident owners; or, if permitted at all, restricted to 90 days of short-term rentals per year, just like resident owners. Such a term will prevent the entire removal of these homes from the long-term market, and a 90-day limit, which parallels the provision for short-term rentals of primary residences, creates uniformity and fairness. Nor should such owners be permitted to conduct large-scale commercial parties in residential neighborhoods, something that is generally banned by other communities.

The proposal is particularly harmful now, when the important Long Beach hotel industry has been so hard hit by the COVID-19. When the industry starts to recover, it should not be faced with lost business from these unregulated and unfair rogue hotels that operate without the safety and other regulations applicable to hotels.

Nor is a prohibition on full-time hotel operations unfair to the investor owners. Given current rents, they can earn an ample income by simply renting the homes to full-time locals and thereby help address the housing crisis. While they may argue that they can make more money from short-term rentals, that is irrelevant: to the extent they have been conducting such operations, which are currently prohibited under Long Beach law, they have been operating illegally. They cannot have reasonably purchased a property based on the expectation that they could continue to conduct illegal hotel operations in residential neighborhoods, nor should they now be rewarded for doing so.

I urge the Council to make the following amendments prior to adopting a Short-Term Rental ordinance:

- Prohibit short-term rentals by non-primary resident owners, or limit such rentals to 90 days per year;
- Prohibit absentee owners from owning multiple units for short-term rentals; and
- Prohibit large-scale, commercial events at residential homes.

The future of our community is at stake, and these simple revisions, already enacted by many other cities, will help preserve our community. The incremental income that can be earned by the City from these operations does not even come close to compensating for the tangible and intangible costs such operations would impose, and the same income will likely be earned from taxes on local hotels who will not lose business to these types of operations.

Thank you for your consideration,

Laura Lindgren, resident Long Beach, CA From: kathrynmaguire@outlook.com [mailto:kathrynmaguire@outlook.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:44 AM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: In support of STR's in Long Beach

-EXTERNAL-

I support short term rentals. STR's are a vital part of Long Beach's economy.

1000 listings is too low -- 1700 is 1% of housing stock

A lottery for licenses is unfair. Those who have been in the short term rental business longest should be considered first.

I Do NOT support a ban on unhosted STRs by petition. Most STR hosts are responsible, with noise and nuisance complaints from short term rental properties representing less than 1% of these city filed complaints. A ban pits neighbor against neighbor.

Please outreach to hosts and give them time (12 months) to understand and comply with the new rules.

Keep registration fees affordable to all hosts, including primary residence hosts who, on average, receive \$10,000 a year in revenues from hosting.

If we're paying 13% Hotel Tax, we need to get promotion like hotels. If our guests are paying a 13% TOT, it impacts hosts because we must lower our rates to complete. We should get in-kind advertising of STRs in LGB, just like hotels do through Convention & Visitors Bureau. Jeannine Pearce originally spoke of a website to promote STR stay options in Long Beach. We deserve some promotion for the \$3.75 M in annual revenue we are contributing.

From: Robb Martson [mailto:robbsroads@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 1:29 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: No Ban on Short Term Rentals

-EXTERNAL-

To whom it may concern,

I am a property owner in Long Beach. I oppose bans on short term rentals. STR are good for our city. There are so few few STR that actually create a problems. Much less then local hotels.

My service can provide income to the city and local workers. I do not compete with Hotels. I abide by Long Beach safe at home rules during Covid19

Please do not encroach on property owners ability to offer short term housing and tax income to the city.

Do not discourage property owners or limit their ability to continue investing in our wonderful city.

Do not limit short term renters that prefer the quality living they prefer.

-----Original Message-----From: Sharon McDonald [<u>mailto:sharonmcmoo@yahoo.com</u>] Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:59 PM To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>> Subject: Short Term Rentals

-EXTERNAL-

Please allow STR in Long Beach. They are good for the economy and allow tourists to come to Our beautiful city affordable. We are able to stay in our home because of our STR. It is a Win win situation. The city receives TOT income and their citizens are allowed to live above poverty level. We have operated a STR in No Long Beach for over 2 years and it has only be a positive experience for us as hosts and our guests coming to LB. They have come from around the world. We are hosts you live on the property and have right control you is renting. There are no parties allowed. We have had no complaints from neighbors.

Thank you for considering STR to remain in LB. Rory and Sharon McDonald No Long Beach

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rita Miles [mailto:rvmiles1@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:20 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: Short term rental support

-EXTERNAL-

This is in support of short-term rentals. Is a lifelong resident of Long Beach, I have a short-term rental in my backyard as a guest house. Currently I am housing a nurse who is here on assignment. I have provided a safe environment for her to return to after a long day of work. She is grateful to be any more home environment. But she also acknowledges that she is in a clean environment. Airbnb guest adhere to the standards that Airbnb has put forth to keep guess free of covid-19. Please do not ban short-term rentals at this time.

Rita Miles

From: Rita Miles [mailto:rvmiles1@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:33 AM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: Fwd: Short term rental

-EXTERNAL-

------ Forwarded message ------From: **Rita Miles** <<u>rvmiles1@gmail.com</u>> Date: Mon, May 18, 2020, 9:47 PM Subject: Short term rental To: <<u>cityclerklongbeach.com@gmail.com</u>>, <<u>district1@longbeach.com</u>>, <<u>district2@longbeach.com</u>>, <<u>district3@longbeach.com</u>>, <<u>district4@longbeach.com</u>>, <<u>district6@longbeach.com</u>>, <<u>district7@longbeach.com</u>>, <<u>district8@longbeach.com</u>>, <<u>district9@longbeach.com</u>>, <<u>district5@longbeach.com</u>>,

Dear Council Person,

I'm a life-long resident of Long Beach. I was born here, was raised here, raised my own family here, and now am settling down to retire here.

My husband, also a lifetime Long Beach resident, and I love Long Beach. We look at ourselves as ambassadors of Long Beach as we host short-term rentals in our home. The money that we make from the short-term rental helps us beautify our home.

Please work with us as we asked you to keep the opt-out neighborhood at 66%. Please do not lower it to 50%. Please do not consider a lottery for getting our licenses. Considerate giving it to long-term short term rental property owners. Please keep the amount at 1700. Please do not lower the amount of short-term rentals to a thousand.

And please be fair. Collect the t o t from the hotels at 12% as you do with Airbnb users. This is only the fair thing to do for all. It is not fair did not collect 12% TOT from the hotels.

Short term rental owners are responsible people. We are a law-abiding and follow rules. We don't think ourselves above the law. We are just trying to make a living. We are merely voters who are trying to do our best. Thank you for your time. I hope that you will take the City of Long Beach residents in mind when voting.

Rita Miles

From: T. Morrison [mailto:ditmar89@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 5:44 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 9 <<u>District9@longbeach.gov</u>>;
Cc: T. Morrison <<u>ditmar89@aol.com</u>>
Subject: Re: URGENT - PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THE BAN OF STRs

-EXTERNAL-

Have a wonderful day!

Theresa Morrison, CPA Cell: 562.882.7212

The conditions for a miracle are difficulties. The conditions for a great miracle are impossibilities."

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District 9 Council member (Rex Richardson)

I have been an Airbnb guest on several occasions with Superhost, Theresa Morrison. She has 2 Airbnb listings in the North Long Beach Deforest Park area. I fully support Airbnb!!

I am writing to express that I do not support the opt out ban and number of un-hosted rentals made available in buildings (12% of 51-100 and 15% of 101 or more) by the ordinance.

Long Beach has welcomed home shares and vacation rentals since the 1920s. Short-term rentals, according to data collected by city consultants Lisa Wise make up .75% -- less than 1% -- of housing stock at 1,328 units. Of those, roughly 500 are in-home hosts who are offering a spare bedroom that otherwise would not be on the market. The city is proposing 1,000 un-hosted non-primary vacation rentals -- not even a minuscule amount of the housing stock. This small number of rental properties is so diminutive it does not impact Long Beach's "housing crisis."

I have heard that UNITE HERE, LAANE and hotel unions and housing activists are trying to ban short term rentals. There are no logical reasons to place a moratorium on non-primary short term rentals at this time. Under the smart leadership of Governor Newsom and Mayor Garcia alike, Long Beach is slowly and safely starting to lift the veil on COVID Stay Safe at Home orders, in a strategic, thoughtful, and phased approach.

From my experience with Theresa with her model Airbnb home, short term rentals are able to provide housing to medical staff and essential workers at great discounts (including FREE or at deeply discounted stays through Airbnb Open Homes and COVID-19 First Responders programs) during the pandemic. If short term rentals are banned, Airbnb will no longer be able host Long Beach cops, nurses and vital others sheltering safely from extended family in self-contained units.

Having been in Theresa's home, I can speak first hand to the fact that cleaners follow rigorous cleaning protocols from the Centers for Disease Control including ventilating rooms, washing hands, wearing gloves, cleaning, then disinfecting with bleach or 70% alcohol, focusing on frequently touched surfaces, including light switches, doorknobs, remote controls and faucets, as well as washing all linens at the highest heat. There is no central air re-circulating like in a hotel and no opportunity to interact with other individuals in these stand alone, self-contained units.

I know for a fact that hosts have signed the living wage pledge with Airbnb, and the income from Airbnb cleaning fees goes directly to her cleaners -- many of these Long Beach women average \$50 an hour for their work, versus the \$15 per hour paid by hotels. A real life changer for people in Long Beach.

I know as a former guest that we must acknowledge and agree to follow local Safer at Home rules, as hosts do. See www.longbeach.gov/health/diseases-and-condition/information-on/coronavirus/ for details.

I know for a fact, as a guest, that the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue collected by the City of Long Beach from Airbnb for the period of April 1 through October 31, 2019 from Short-Term rentals was \$2,750,215. This revenue is generated by the City's 12 percent TOT rate. That will increase to 13% soon, at a time when Long Beach needs this income.

Please consider the small neighborhood in home host in crafting the final ordinance. This income helps hosts pay property taxes and stay in neighborhoods we love, which lends stability and vitality to our communities. Do not bow to special interest groups but consider the small neighborhood in home host in crafting the final ordinance.

Thank you for your strong leadership in Long Beach. You were out there first with community meetings and forums at the Gaslamp and before this at Rec Park, where there was great dialogue and community interaction! I appreciate all you do to make Long Beach a better place!

Respectfully,

Theresa Morríson

Cc: Long Beach City Clerk Council members From: Joseph Mueller [<u>mailto:jstplnjoe3@hotmail.com</u>] Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:00 PM To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>> Subject: LB STR Ordinance

-EXTERNAL-

Ms. De La Garza,

I am attaching two documents for you to add as public comments to the Short Term Rental Ordinance that the City Council is currently drafting. I have sent these documents to all council members.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Thank you,

Joseph Mueller

Long Beach Short Term Rental Ordinance Commentary

I have read the updated version of the Short Term Rental Ordinance and backup documents, and it begins with the statement "The purpose of this Chapter is to... safeguard the residents of the City of Long Beach by ensuring that short-term rental activities do not threaten the character of residential neighborhoods; and ensuring that such short-term rental activities do not become a nuisance, or threaten the public health, safety or welfare of neighboring properties." I think we can all agree that this is a great guiding principle. Unfortunately, the policy that then enfolds does not always hold this to be true especially when it comes to the unhosted Short Term Rental (STR). I'll go through and point out the sections where there are conflicts between the guiding principle

and actual policy, but as a headline, the biggest indicator of a conflict actually comes from Attachment A, Subject: Short-Term Rental Ordinance Update, under Treatment of Existing and New Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) as STRs. It states: "The City Council's December 4, 2018 direction to staff for regulating STRs was to treat ADUs as a "hosted" stay since the property owner would be on premises, reducing the likelihood that a STR guest in the unit would negatively impact the residential character of the neighborhood. This approach is consistent with the community and host input provided throughout the outreach process." Therefore, unhosted STRs increase the likelihood that a STR guest would negatively impact the residential character of the neighborhood. I have first-hand experience that this is true, as does Patrick Tobin, Chris Gilroy, Marlene Robbins, Jim Robbins, Raul Molleda, Vanessa Molleda, Amber Watts, Mike Watts, Norma Ann Dawson, Kathleen McLaughlin, Gerald Anderson, Anne Anderson, Charliene Anderson and Dianne Sundstrom. We have taken the time to review some of the documents, commented on them, and have all requested the same thing – to ban unhosted STRs to protect our neighborhoods. Our neighborhood, like a lot of neighborhoods in Long Beach, has a sense of community and we look out for each other, gualities that have only increased during the pandemic. A lot of us are long term residents in Long Beach of 20+ years, and have or are raising families here, and have not found that allowing an unhosted STR to be a positive addition to our neighborhood, in fact we have found it to be detrimental with regards to noise, littering, parking, amount of occupants and guests, etc.

If you polled the direct neighbors of the unhosted STR and asked them if they enhanced the neighborhood, I could guarantee that the vast majority of responses would be negative. The City of Long Beach should follow in the footsteps of the twenty-eight towns in California that have banned unhosted STRs in residential zones. They include San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Napa, Healdsburg, Temecula, Santa Monica, Monterey, South Lake Tahoe and twenty other towns and cities.

I would kindly request that the City Council amend the Short Term Rental Ordinance to ban unhosted STRs from the City of Long Beach in order to protect our neighborhoods and to uphold the Purpose of the Ordinance.

Analysis of Banning unhosted STRs

What would it look like if LB banned all unhosted STRs? I have read that there are approximately 750 unhosted STRs in LB. I looked on Airbnb's website to see what that comprised of, which are listed below:

- 259 Houses
- 4 Villas
- 17 Townhouses

280 total number of house type unhosted STRs in residential areas. These are the unhosted STRs that need to be banned since they are going to disrupt the neighborhoods.

- 18 Serviced Apartments
- 300+ Apartments
- 9 Lofts

300+ total number of multifamily development projects with unhosted STRs. These types of unhosted STRs are regulated under 5.77.030 B3. These equate to renting out rooms and are usually not disruptive like renting out a house.

- 86 Guesthouses
- 48 Guest Suites
- 1 Boutique Hotel
- 8 Cottages
- 42 Bungalows

185 total number of "unhosted" STRs that the Owner/Host is on the same property. These should not be counted as unhosted, they are actually hosted STRs by the Ordinance's definition.

Hosted STRs:

- 20 Private Rooms
- 1 Shared Room

There are no hosted houses. Shouldn't that be a red flag? Owner/Hosts are not interested in renting out rooms, they are in it to make a profit. They are running a business.

If the City Council banned the currently illegal 280 unhosted STRs that are not multifamily development projects, what could happen to these?

- The Owner/Host could move back into them, and possibly rent out rooms.
- The Owner/Host could sell them, which would increase the housing marking in LB, which would benefit the community.
- The Owner/Host could rent them out as long term rentals, which should be under the same rules and regulations as STRs including but not limited to having their registration revoked upon three violations. Long term rentals have a positive impact since they are usually yearlong leases which equates to having a neighbor.

I would kindly request that the City Council amend the Short Term Rental Ordinance to ban unhosted STRs that are not multifamily development projects from the City of Long Beach. Following are excerpts from the Ordinance and backup documents, highlighted in yellow, that I have commented on, highlighted in blue. If the City Council decides to move forward and allow unhosted STRs, then the Purpose of the Ordinance should also be changed to reflect their decision.

R16 May 19, 2020 Letter of Recommendations

DISCUSSION:

...staff was asked to provide a cost-estimate for the opt-out petition to be paid by the requesting party... staff is recommending a fee of \$1,000 per petition.

I am disappointed in Linda F. Tatum's decision to recommend a fee of \$1000 to be paid for by the requesting party. I do not understand how this holds true with the PURPOSE of the Ordinance that states "... to safeguard the residents of the City of Long Beach by ensuring that short-term rental activities do not threaten the character of residential neighborhood..." I am astonished that you expect the neighborhoods to now pay \$1000 to try and protect their own neighborhoods. This favors the Owner/Host and is certainly not fair. The Owner/Host should have to petition the neighborhood to OPT-IN, and pay the fee to run a business as an unhosted STR. This whole section of the Ordinance should be re-written as an Opt-In for the Owner/Host. In this way, the Purpose of the Ordinance will be upheld. The Owner/Host is currently running an illegal business in LB, and once the Ordinance goes into effect, all Owner/Hosts will have to opt-in anyway.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 5.77, RELATED TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS

CHAPTER 5.77 SHORT-TERM RENTALS

The purpose of this Chapter is to... safeguard the residents of the City of Long Beach by ensuring that short-term rental activities do not threaten the character of residential neighborhoods; and ensuring that such short-term rental activities do not become a nuisance, or threaten the public health, safety or welfare of neighborhoods and not the Owner/Host of the unhosted STR. It will be the neighbor's responsibility to police the STR on a daily basis, report violations, and now come up with \$1000 if they want to remove them from the neighborhood tract.

5.77.030 Registration required.

B4. The total number of non-primary residence STR registrations issued shall not exceed one thousand (1,000) dwelling units, unless otherwise directed by the City Council by ordinance or resolution.

In item B3, you give limitations on the number of non-primary residence STRs in multifamily development projects but you do not give any regulations on where the 1000 non-primary residence STRs can reside within the city. According to this, Owner/Hosts could start buying up properties within an area that the housing market is not as high, and turning them into unhosted STRs. There is a property on our block that is co-owned by 4 people. This is obviously a business venture. What are you going to do to prevent this? Without stipulations, you will certainly "threaten the character of residential neighborhoods" by allowing unhosted STRs. I would suggest lowering that number from 1000 to 750 if you banned unhosted STRs that are not multifamily development projects. You have to remember that Airbnb will want that number to be as high as possible in order to generate more revenue for themselves.

5.77.050 Short-term rental regulations.

D. Un-hosted stays shall be prohibited in [census tracts] [census block groups] in the City where such stays are prohibited in accordance with Section 5.77.080 or any successor Section. Please vote for whichever is smaller which I believe is the census block group.

F. The maximum number of persons who may occupy the STR at one (1) time shall be limited to two (2) persons per bedroom, plus two (2). This calculation shall be inclusive of children. Why plus 2 people? I suggest it state "...plus two (2) children under the age of 12. This calculation shall also be inclusive of all children."

What happens when a hosting platform lists an unhosted STR as 8 persons, and 9 or more persons stay there? How will this be proved if more than the listed maximum number of persons occupy the STR? As far as I can see this is put on the neighbors to monitor, and report violations.

5.77.080 Request to Petition to restrict un-hosted short-term rentals. Same comment as above in R16.

5.77.090 Enforcement.

This should be effective immediately upon the City Council agreeing to the Ordinance, and before it goes to the California Coastal Commission so that each violation can be counted.

Neighbors will be making calls for service utilizing the non-emergency police number to alert them of noise, litter or parking violations. Neighbors could also alert someone on the STR committee to count that as a violation against an unhosted STR. The police report should be sufficient proof. The neighborhoods should not have to wait more than a year before violations start to be counted against an unhosted STR. This way when an unhosted STR goes to register, and there are three or more violations against them on the books, they can be denied.

D. If three (3) fines have been issued against a STR within a twelve (12) month period, the STR registration may be revoked or suspended or additional conditions may be imposed by the Director...

It should read as it did in City document R23 Key Elements of the Ordinance, under "The Ordinance establishes the following provisions regarding exclusions, consent, enforcement and penalties: ...

f) Fines for violations within a 12-month period:

ii. A STR registration is revoked after the third violation."

Attachment A Subject: Short~Term Rental Ordinance Update

..STR program costs will be offset by annual STR registration fees. STRs will be subject to TOT per the City's tax on short term stays less than 30 days. Alrbnb Is already collecting TOT from STR bookings in Long Beach.

Is the City of Long Beach receiving these monies from these illegal STRs since there is no Ordinance in place yet? If so, where are these monies going towards? If not, then what are the Hosting Platforms doing with these monies?

Enforcement

Staff has worked with hosting platforms Airbnb and HomeAway, and has been introduced to enforcement tools these platforms offer to assist jurisdictions with enforcement of regulations. Airbnb is only interested in making a profit so they are pro-Owner/Host, and in having the most rentable spaces within a city. They have a Neighborhood Complaint Process which is a farce and they claim to want to build Neighborhood Trust, which is also untrue. I have first-hand experience of this. Any complaint is simply forwarded to the Owner/Host, with no follow-up or accountability, no negative reviews of the guests or the Owner/Host, and thus no trust built. You cannot raise the complaint to a higher level, Airbnb will not allow it. And if you ask a question that they do not wish to answer, Airbnb will ignore it.

Business License Requirements

A business license will not be required...

Renting a room, or renting an entire house is a business. When I asked our former neighbor why she didn't do long term rentals instead of the unhosted STR, her response was, "You make more money with an unhosted STR". This is pure greed with no regard for the neighborhood, which as we remember from the original Purpose of this Ordinance is what we are trying to protect.

Neighborhood Opt-Out Without Unduly Restricting STR Activity in Coastal Zone

..only allowing STRs in a primary residence as in the City of Pismo Beach, or only allowing hosted stays as in the City of Santa Monica

I agree with both of these approaches. The Paso Robles Daily News reported on July 17, 2019 that "twenty-eight towns in California have banned non-hosted, short term vacation rentals in residential zones. They include San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Napa, Healdsburg, Temecula, Santa Monica, Monterey, South Lake Tahoe and twenty other towns and cities." We should join their ranks by listening to the neighbors who have first-hand knowledge of living next to an unhosted STR.

Partnering with Hosts and Platforms to Support Local Businesses

The City's Economic Development Commission created the Ten-Year Blueprint for Economic Development to establish priorities to create a culture of economic opportunity throughout the City. The Economic Inclusion Focus Area of the Blueprint includes objectives and recommendations that can be helpful in supporting local businesses in conjunction with the adoption of the proposed STR Ordinance. The City's Economic Development Department will be assisting staff from the Development Services Department to use the Blueprint to create opportunities to help under-represented entrepreneurs and increase access to economic opportunities in low-income communities as part of the STR registration process. For example, when STR operators register, they could be informed of local businesses providing tourist-related services. The Economic Development Department will also work with Development Services staff and the Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) to partner together by advertising registered STR listings on the CVB website.

I believe that this is conflict of interest. You are now in favor of the Owner/Host and not the neighborhood as you stated in the Purpose of this Ordinance.

Treatment of Existing and New Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) as STRs

The City Council's December 4, 2018 direction to staff for regulating STRs was to treat ADUs as a "hosted" stay since the property owner would be on premises, reducing the likelihood that a STR guest in the unit would negatively impact the residential character of the neighborhood. This approach is consistent with the community and host input provided throughout the outreach process.

This is my point that you so clearly state above. Unhosted STRs increase the likelihood that a STR guest would negatively impact the residential character of the neighborhood. THIS IS CORRECT THEY DO! You also state that it is consistent with the community and host input provided throughout the outreach process! Let us listen to them all.

Attachment C

City of Long Beach Short-Term Rentals Ordinance NEGATIVE DECLARATION ND 07-19

Contact person and phone number: Anita Juhola-Garcia, Planner (562) 570-6469

Project Description:

...and provide safeguards to the residents of the City of Long Beach that such short-term rental activities do not become a nuisance, or threaten the public health, safety or welfare of neighboring properties.

Let us remember that this is the Purpose: to protect the neighborhoods and not the Owner/Host.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

Nothing is checked not even noise. Ms. Juhola-Garcia apparently has not lived next to an unhosted STR where renters and their guests have loud parties day and night.

III. AIR QUALITY

c. Would the project expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?
 X~ Less Than Significant Impact

The CEQA Air Quality Handbook defines sensitive receptors as children, athletes, elderly and sick individuals that are more susceptible to the effects of air pollution than the population at large. Facilities that serve various types of sensitive receptors, including schools, hospitals, and senior care centers, are located throughout the City. The implementation of the STRO would not have any significant adverse effects on sensitive receptors.

Ms. Juhola-Garcia apparently has not lived next to a unhosted STR where grown adults smoke marijuana 3-4 times a day, and all afternoon on the weekends even though the house is listed as "no smoking on the premises." I would classify that as excessive. I have asthma, and my 3 year old son's lungs are still developing. A child's lungs are permanently damaged when exposed to second hand smoke for 20 minutes. I learned this while adopting our son from the State. Pot smoke has some of the same carcinogens as cigarette smoke but the second hand smoke impact is even worse since they are unfiltered.

I contacted the Owner of the unhosted STR who said she would speak to the renters. When they did not stop smoking, I contacted Airbnb and used their Neighbor Complaint Process. The complaint process consisted of them passing the information to the Owner/Host. Nothing was done so I am forced to keep myself and my son inside during this pandemic whose virus is a respiratory one. Airbnb and unhosted STRs are only interested in one thing – money. They do not wish to upset the renters and get a negative review.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

b. The following STRO provisions are intended to support the compatibility of short term rentals with adjacent properties and maintain neighborhood character.

 The owner or operator shall ensure that the short-term rental is used in a manner that complies with all applicable laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the use and occupancy of a short-term rental.

Same as with Section IIId., the Owner/Host and the Hosting Platform do not have a vested interest in maintaining neighborhood character, they are interested in the bottom line – the money they receive from their renters so they will not do anything to receive a negative review. Unhosted STRs should be banned.

XIII. NOISE

a. Would the project result in generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

X~ Less Than Significant Impact

Limit on the maximum number of persons who may occupy the STR;

I have mentioned this before but how is this to enforced? The unhosted "Party House" next door is compliant with a 3 bedroom house, so on Airbnb they list a maximum capacity of 8 persons. The house is set up to sleep 14-16 adults. I have personally seen 9+ people going in at night and coming out in the morning. The enforcer is again the neighbor and not the Owner/Host, which creates a hostile neighborhood environment. When do I get paid to make sure that the unhosted STR is compliant?

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

 Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

X~ No Impact

The project would not directly or indirectly cause any substantial adverse effects on human beings.

I do not know how Ms. Juhola-Garcia can justify checking no impact when there were a significant number of sections where she checked that there would be a less than significant impact. I welcome her, the Mayor, City Attorney and all Councilmembers to spend some time next to an unhosted STR. It is not pleasant.

Appendix C Response to Comments on Draft IS-ND {ND 07-10, SCH #2019099049)

Letter 2

Commenter: Gerald Anderson

The commenter suggests modifications to the proposed Short-term Rental Ordinance, including, not allowing non-primary residences as short-term rentals, revising the petition process to restrict Unhosted short-term rentals, requiring short-term rental locations and permit information available to the public, clarifying the number of persons allowed per bedroom and reducing the maximum number of occupants. City decision makers will consider all comments regarding the provisions of the proposed Short-Term Rentals Ordinance.

I completely agree with Mr. Anderson, and I do not see where the City decision makers have taken into account his comments other than to list the section(s) where it is mentioned in the Ordinance. He is someone who has first-hand experience living next to an unhosted STR. How many of the decision makers can say the same?

Letter 3

Commenter: Charliene Anderson

Letter 4

Commenter: Charliene Anderson Likewise, I agree with Ms. Anderson.

H-23 Correspondence - Dianne Sundstrom

- Why was the license fee requirement dropped from the STR ordinance? These are, after all, businesses that should not be exempt from licensing requirements.
- ...it appears to be a capitulation to the loudest voices in the room. And there were many
 of those voices at every meeting I attended clearly decked out in their Airbnb gear.
 And again, I agree with Ms. Sundstrom.

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May 02, 2020

Councilmember Roberto Uranga Long Beach 7th District Field Office 2125 Santa Fe Avenue Long Beach, CA 90810

Re: Short Term Rentals

Dear Councilmember Uranga:

The house next door to us, 4161 Keever Avenue, appeared on Airbnb as an unhosted short term rental at the end of last year. As a result, we've had four months to assess this new situation, with at least a dozen guests having rented the property.

It is our understanding that the city council drafted and approved an ordinance regarding hosted and unhosted short term rentals and it's being reviewed by the city attorney. While we didn't know about the ordinance, and thus weren't able to offer our perspective while it was being drafted, we hope our viewpoint might result in changes to the ordinance that better serve our communities.

As a preface to the following issues and concerns, we've been in our house for 20 years and a number of our neighbors on our block have been here just as long, if not longer. We live in a quiet, respectful neighborhood. There is a sense of community and we look out for one another, qualities that have only increased during the pandemic. Although we don't know the precise figures, we're confident the criminal activity in our neighborhood is lower than other areas of Long Beach. This is not by accident.

Here are our thoughts on unhosted short term rentals based on our experiences with the house next to ours:

- The fact is that with an unhosted short term rental, we no longer have a neighbor. We have a single-tenant hotel next to us that could likely have hundreds of guests a year since the minimum stay is two nights – all strangers who have no vested interest or stake in our neighborhood. Not only has it become a hotel, it's become a hotel without an onsite manager.
- 2. While it might seem appropriate to put unhosted short term rentals under the umbrella of businesses that operate out of a residence, this comparison falls short in many ways. Let's say a neighbor started teaching piano lessons out of his or her house. Yes, there would be more foot traffic. But it would be the same clients at proscribed times during the week, and more importantly, if an issue arose, we would simply talk to our neighbor and it would get resolved because the owner would have a stake in maintaining good relations with his neighbors. As it stands now, we have people who are renting the house as a vacation accommodation. This is a completely different mindset than customers engaging a residential business for services. Will every guest be a non-stop partier who has no problem trashing the house or the neighborhood? Obviously not. But they will take advantage of the pool and patio, with its big screen TV and large BBQ area, especially during the summer. Essentially, we are going to have a revolving door of next door

"neighbors" who are going to be having daily festivities or celebrations – and with the occupancy capacity of at least 14, these are not going to be small groups. What are the safe occupancy limits for a 3 bedroom house?

- 3. If problems arise, we can try to contact the homeowner to resolve them, but experience has shown us that this isn't effective. There's little incentive for our former neighbor to take real action. She has paying guests who she doesn't want to alienate, lest they rate her poorly on Airbnb, and she isn't here to gauge the seriousness of our complaints or to intervene directly. The problem guests are short term and will be gone within days ignoring the problem, or saying "there's not much I can do" (which has been one response we've gotten), is obviously the easiest and best strategy for her. And if it's the easiest and best strategy for her, it will likely be the same for other owners who turn their houses into unhosted short term rentals.
- 4. Because the owner is not onsite anymore, and guests have a hotel mindset, there have been several ongoing problems. There is regular littering on her front yard, raceway and in the street by their curb. As we've learned from our community meetings with the Long Beach Police Department, littering leads to an unsafe neighborhood. In this same vein, there have been multiple times when the garbage and recycling bins have not been removed from the street after pickup, sometimes for days. Sometimes guests have left the gates to her garage and backyard open all day when they're away from the house, and several times guests have left the gates open after they've checked out. Again, these things are contributing to an unsafe neighborhood what better way to signal to criminals that no one is home than unremoved bins in the street or a carelessly unsecured gate that remains open for days at a time? In the past, we would clean up the litter or move the cans ourselves, but this is forcing us into being proxies for the owner and we've stopped doing chores that should be done by the owner and they *would* get done by the owner if she lived on the premises.
- 5. Regarding criminal activity, the house is often unoccupied. The pattern has been that guests rent the house for a weekend, leaving most weekdays with an empty house. Also, a lot of criminals are tech savvy it wouldn't take much for them to figure out which houses in a neighborhood are unhosted short term rentals, and therefore likely to have unoccupied periods. In fact, the only way we figured out our neighbor had turned her house into an Airbnb was by going onto Airbnb's website after we suspected this is what was happening. Our neighbor didn't tell us herself. Additionally, even when the house is occupied, we are never quite sure who is coming and going, and whether they are supposed to be there. A criminal could easily pose as a guest and we would have to assume they were telling the truth.
- 6. Parking is also going to be an ongoing problem. There have been times when the guests' vehicles have partially blocked our driveway, making it impossible for us to leave. The house is listed to hold up to 8 adults, with actual room for 14, and it's conceivable that each guest could come with his or her own vehicle, making it almost impossible for all of us in our neighborhood to find parking spaces on the street. Of course, we can ask a car owner to move his or her car, and we can even call to have a car blocking our driveway towed, but that forces us to be the responsible, proactive party. An actual neighbor would likely not keep doing this. As it stands, we have a revolving door of guests and this isn't going to be a one-off situation.
- 7. We're shocked that during a pandemic this house is allowed to be rented at all! With the President and the Mayor's orders in place, how can we be kept safe when multiple renters

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come and go daily during this quarantine? What part of "Stay Home, Save Lives" does not apply here?

There is another letter from ourselves and eight other neighbors which more specifically addresses the ordinance for short term rentals but we wanted to go a little more in depth as to why we were signing that letter, and how this short term rental has affected our family and our neighborhood. Our biggest concern is that our neighborhood is being compromised. Here are some additional concerns about the ordinance:

- We believe that the ordinance that is being drafted is treating unhosted short term house rentals the same as hosted short term room rentals. Renting out a room in a house that is still occupied by the owner is not the same as renting out an entire house, as we've shown in the above points. Several cities have moved toward allowing only hosted short term rentals, which seems to us the best policy.
- 2. We believe that the ordinance also puts the burden of responsibility on the neighborhood and neighbors to request that the short term rental be closed down with a simple majority not of the immediate block, but within a much larger area that includes hundreds of homeowners, and even apartment dwellers. The residents of the immediate block are the people who are going to be affected the most by turning a residence into a business. Why isn't the burden of responsibility put on the owner of the house who wants to turn it into a business?

Thank you for your time and attention, and we look forward to hearing from you as far as how you can assist us in reclaiming our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Joseph Thomas Mueller

cc: City Council members: District 1 - Mary Zendejas District 2 - Jeannine Pearce District 3 - Suzie Price District 4 - Daryl Supernaw District 5 - Stacy Mungo District 6 - Dee Andrews District 8 - Al Austin District 9 - Rex Richardson Mayor - Robert Garcia City Attorney - Charles Parkin City Manager - Tom Modica

Patrick Robert Tobin

Attachments: Letter regarding Short Term Rental Ordinance

CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF KEEVER AVENUE

4149, 4152, 4155, 4164, 4165, 4175 and 4241 Keever Avenue Long Beach, California 90807

April 28, 2020

Councilmember Roberto Uranga Long Beach 7th District Field Office 2125 Santa Fe Avenue Long Beach, CA 90810

Re: Short Term Rental Ordinance

Dear Councilmember Uranga:

We are neighbors who live near 4161 Keever Avenue, a house that is currently listed on Airbnb. Despite the Safer/Stay at Home orders issued by Mayor Garcia, Governor Newsom and President Trump, has been occupied for the past month by persons other than the owner of the house. The house is available for rent 365 days a year because the owner of 4161 Keever Avenue owns a second house in Long Beach. We are forced to experience the guests smoking cigarettes and marijuana in the house's back yard. The renters' vehicles frequently park in an inconsiderate manner. For example, it is not uncommon for them to park where their car takes up two spaces in a neighborhood with limited street parking.

We are surprised that Airbnb even allows a house to be rented during this pandemic. One of our neighbors overheard one of the renter's conversations on April 25, 2020. Based on what our neighbor heard in that conversation, we do not believe the renters are providing any essential services. We believe they are salesmen. They leave the property on a daily basis during the week which is concerning about what germs and viruses they might be bringing back. The fact that we can smell their smoke greatly concerns us that they are spreading their germs to our neighborhood through the air stream. We have asked Airbnb to terminate their stay immediately for the health and safety of the permanent residents in our neighborhood.

We believe the City of Long Beach should pass an ordinance that prohibits short term rentals in Long Beach so long as the Mayor's, Governor's and/or President's Safer/Stay at Home orders are in place. Please do whatever you can to have the City Council adopt such an ordinance as soon as possible.

Please also reactivate the Long Beach City Council's consideration of a short term rental ordinance as soon as possible and ensure that the ordinance ultimately passed includes the following conditions, with our top two points beings:

1. Prohibit short term rentals in single family residential zones.

2. The number of houses required to prohibit a short term rental is four (4) resident signatures within a six (6) house perimeter of the short term rental. The perimeter could mean six (6) houses to the right, six (6) house to the left, six (6) houses across the street,

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and six (6) houses behind the short term rental, depending on the location of the short term rental.

In addition, we would like to see the following items in the ordinance:

3. Permit a maximum of 750 non-primary residence short term rentals in the City of Long Beach.

4. Require guests at short term rentals to park their cars in the residence's driveway and in the two spaces on the street directly in front of the house.

5. Limit the number of nights an unhosted short term rental can be rented to 90 days and a hosted short term rental can be rented to 181 days.

6. Require short term rentals in the City of Long Beach to be separated by a minimum of a half mile.

7. Require short term rentals to register with the City of Long Beach for an annual non-refundable fee of not less than \$250.00.

8. Prohibit non-compliant short term rentals and short term rentals with more than six (6) complaints in a calendar year from obtaining or renewing a license or permit with the City of Long Beach.

9. Establish high fines and penalties for short term rentals that do not comply with the City's requirements.

10. Require the City's short term rental requirements, conditions and provisions to be posted in the short term rental and provided to each of the short term rental's guests at least 10 days prior to the commencement of their stay.

11. Require short term rentals to have a local 24-hour contact person who is the property owner or property manager of the short term rental and whose contact information has been provided to the City agency charged with regulating short term rentals.

12. Require the short term rental owner to provide the local 24-hour contact person information to all of the short term rental's neighbors within six (6) houses of the short term rental.

13. Use the revenue generated by short term rentals (e.g., license/permit fees, transient occupancy tax and inspection fees) to increase the City's enforcement capacity (e.g., staffing, 24-hour hotline, online complaint form, administrative hearing procedure).

14. Prohibit commercial events (e.g., weddings, receptions, large parties) in short term rentals.

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15. Limit occupancy in short term rentals to two people per bedroom, with children being counted as people.

16. Require a minimum of one parking space for every two bedrooms in a short term rental.

17. Require short term rental operators to provide parking requirements and instructions to guest prior to their stay.

18. Prohibit use of outdoor pools, spas and hot tubs between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.

19. Require owners of short term rentals to maintain a minimum of \$1,000,000 in property liability insurance.

20. Require safety information (e.g., fire extinguishers, escape routes) to be posted in the short term rental.

21. Require the City to inspect the short term rental for a minimum \$35.00 fee before the short term rental begins operation to confirm the fire alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, and egress routes comply with the City's local ordinances.

Please let us know if you would like discuss our experiences regarding the owners of 4161 Keever Avenue using their property as a short term rental. If you have Zoom capability, please provide us with the Zoom ID number and password so we can discuss this matter with you using Zoom.

Sincerely,

Joseph Thomas Mueller

Patrick Tobin

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From: <u>rebaparis34@aol.com</u> [mailto:rebaparis34@aol.com] Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 6:28 PM To: Council District 9 <<u>District9@longbeach.gov</u>>; CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>> Cc: <u>ditmar89@aol.com</u> Subject: Re: URGENT - PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THE BAN OF STRs

-EXTERNAL-

District 9 Council member (Rex Richardson)

I have been an Airbnb guest on several occasions with Superhost, Theresa Morrison. She has 2 Airbnb listings in the North Long Beach Deforest Park area. I fully support Airbnb!!

I am writing to express that I do not support the opt out ban and number of un-hosted rentals made available in buildings (12% of 51-100 and 15% of 101 or more) by the ordinance.

Long Beach has welcomed home shares and vacation rentals since the 1920s. Short-term rentals, according to data collected by city consultants Lisa Wise make up .75% -- less than 1% -- of housing stock at 1,328 units. Of those, roughly 500 are in-home hosts who are offering a spare bedroom that otherwise would not be on the market. The city is proposing 1,000 un-hosted non-primary vacation rentals -- not even a minuscule amount of the housing stock. This small number of rental properties is so diminutive it does not impact Long Beach's "housing crisis."

I have heard that UNITE HERE, LAANE and hotel unions and housing activists are trying to ban short term rentals. There are no logical reasons to place a moratorium on non-primary short term rentals at this time. Under the smart leadership of Governor Newsom and Mayor Garcia alike, Long Beach is slowly and safely starting to lift the veil on COVID Stay Safe at Home orders, in a strategic, thoughtful, and phased approach.

From my experience with Theresa with her model Airbnb home, short term rentals are able to provide housing to medical staff and essential workers at great discounts (including FREE or at deeply discounted stays through Airbnb Open Homes and COVID-19 First Responders programs) during the pandemic. If short term rentals are banned, Airbnb will no longer be able host Long Beach cops, nurses and vital others sheltering safely from extended family in self-contained units.

Having been in Theresa's home, I can speak first hand to the fact that cleaners follow rigorous cleaning protocols from the Centers for Disease Control including ventilating rooms, washing hands, wearing gloves, cleaning, then disinfecting with bleach or 70% alcohol, focusing on frequently touched surfaces, including light switches, doorknobs, remote controls and faucets, as well as washing all linens at the highest heat. There is no central air recirculating like in a hotel and no opportunity to interact with other individuals in these stand alone, self-contained units.

I know for a fact that hosts have signed the living wage pledge with Airbnb, and the income from Airbnb cleaning fees goes directly to her cleaners -- many of these Long Beach women average \$50 an hour for their work, versus the \$15 per hour paid by hotels. A real life changer for people in Long Beach.

I know as a former guest that we must acknowledge and agree to follow local Safer at Home rules, as hosts do. See www.longbeach.gov/health/diseases-and-condition/information-on/coronavirus/ for details. I know for a fact, as a guest, that the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue collected by the City of Long Beach from Airbnb for the period of April 1 through October 31, 2019 from Short-Term rentals was \$2,750,215. This revenue is generated by the City's 12 percent TOT rate. That will increase to 13% soon, at a time when Long Beach needs this income.

Please consider the small neighborhood in home host in crafting the final ordinance. This income helps hosts pay property taxes and stay in neighborhoods we love, which lends stability and vitality to our communities. Do not bow to special interest groups but consider the small neighborhood in home host in crafting the final ordinance.

Thank you for your strong leadership in Long Beach. You were out there first with community meetings and forums at the Gaslamp and before this at Rec Park, where there was great dialogue and community interaction! I appreciate all you do to make Long Beach a better place!

Respectfully,

Reba París

From: sharon@cassaramasonry.com [mailto:sharon@cassaramasonry.com] Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 12:04 PM To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>> Subject: Short Term Rental Requirements

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Clerk,

I own a short term rental in Long Beach I OPPOSE the following items that are coming up on the agenda at an upcoming City Council Meeting on May 19th.

1. The limit of 1000 hosts of unhosted units in the City of Long Beach,

- 2. The Opt out ban on unhosted units
- 3. The lottery drawing for unhosted units

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sharon Cassara OceanFront LLC

Virus-free. www.avg.com

From: Eleanor Sia [mailto:elseeya@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:11 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: SUPPORT SHORT TERM RENTALS

-EXTERNAL-

re: Agenda Item 16 (20-0435)

I support short term rentals in Long Beach. Please do not ban them during COVID.

Dear Councilmembers,

RE: Agenda Item 16 (20-0435)

I have heard that UNITE HERE, LAANE and hotel unions and housing activists are trying to ban short term rentals during COVID. There are no logical reasons to place a moratorium on non-primary short term rentals at this time. Under the smart leadership of Governor Newsom and Mayor Garcia alike, Long Beach is slowly and safely starting to lift the veil on COVID Stay Safe at Home orders, in a thoughtful, phased approach.

Short term rentals are able to provide housing to medical staff and essential workers at great discounts (including FREE or at deeply discounted stays through Airbnb Open Homes and COVID-19 First Responders programs) during the pandemic.

Cleaners follow rigorous cleaning protocols from the Centers for Disease Control including ventilating rooms, washing hands, wearing gloves, cleaning, then disinfecting with bleach or 70% alcohol, focusing on frequently touches surfaces, including light switches, doorknobs, remote controls and faucets, as well as washing all linens at the highest heat. There is no central air re-circulating like in a hotel and no opportunity to interact with other individuals in these stand alone, self-contained units.

The <u>CDC recommends</u> that people wait 24 hours before entering a space occupied by a person who may have been exposed to the coronavirus. Hosts partnering in our Frontline Stays program are required to wait 72 hours between reservations—this includes the 24-hour waiting period, time to properly clean and disinfect all areas accessible to the guest, and an additional buffer.

Hosts have signed the living wage pledge with Airbnb, and the income from Airbnb cleaning fees goes directly to our cleaners -- many of these Long Beach women average \$50 an hour for their work, versus the \$15/hr paid by hotels. A real life changer for people in Long Beach.

Guests must acknowledge and agree to follow local Safer at Home rules, as hosts do. See www.longbeach.gov/health/diseases-and-condition/information-on/coronavirus/ for details.

There is no basis for a ban on short term rentals at this time. Thank you for your thoughtful approach to home sharing and vacation rentals in Long Beach.

Sincerely,

Eleanor

From: Eleanor Sia [mailto:elseeya@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:43 PM

To: Council District 1 <<u>District1@longbeach.gov</u>>; CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 2 <<u>District2@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 3 <<u>District3@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 4 <<u>District4@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 5 <<u>District5@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 6 <<u>District6@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 7 <<u>District7@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 8 <<u>District8@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 9 <<u>District9@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 8 <<u>District8@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 9 <<u>District9@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 9 < <u>District9@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 9 < <u>District9@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District9@longbeach.gov}>

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Council Members

There is no reason to place a moratorium on non-primary short term rentals at this time. Under the smart leadership of Governor Newsom and Mayor Garcia alike, Long Beach is slowly and safely starting to lift the veil on COVID Stay Safe at Home orders, in a thoughtful, phased approach.

Short term rentals are able to provide housing to medical staff and essential workers at great discounts (including FREE or at deeply discounted stays through Airbnb Open Homes and COVID-19 First Responders programs).

Please continue to employ common sense approaches to short term rentals in our city.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Sia

From: Kjell Stava
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 7:15 AM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Cc: Laura Lindgren <<u>lindgrenl@yahoo.com</u>>
Subject: Fw: Opposition to STR Agenda item No. 16

City Clerk - can you make the attached part of the item record for tomorrow's agenda item #16 (short-term rentals)?

Thank you,

Kjell N. Stava

Real Estate Project Coordinator

From: Laura Lindgren <<u>lindgrenl@yahoo.com</u>> Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 5:39 PM To: Kjell Stava <<u>Kjell.Stava@longbeach.gov</u>> Subject: Opposition to STR Agenda item No. 16

-EXTERNAL-

Attached is my opposition to Agenda Item No. 16 for Tuesday's meeting. Please confirm that this will be provided to the Council members and mayor.

Once again, I protest that no resident input has been sought or allowed for the last two years, and the website contains no information about the item. It has been set so as to make resident input impossible, on an issue that benefits out of town investors at the expense of residents.

Regards, Laura Lindgren

Dear Council,

I urge the entire Council to consider residents' widely shared concerns when voting on Agenda Item No. 16, the proposed short-term rental ("STR") ordinance, and in particular to reject the highly unusual and harmful term allowing non-resident owners to conduct full-time short-term rentals and commercial events in residential neighborhoods.

The Long Beach proposal allows non-resident owners to rent out homes and units short-term 365 days per year, basically running full-time commercial hotels in residential neighborhoods. It also, and amazingly, allows those who rent STRs to have up to six 24-hour permits for large events like weddings, parties and other over-size gatherings.

These provisions, if adopted, will destroy neighborhoods and quality of life, further drive up housing costs, and take much needed housing units out of the market for housing Long Beach residents. It will harm the important hotel industry at a time when it will be attempting to recover from the current shut-down. The proposal is radically at odds with the short-term rental ordinances in every neighboring town and virtually every other California community. The Short-Term Rental (STR) ordinance was preliminarily approved by the Long Beach City Council on Jan. 21, over the protests of most residents who attended the meeting, and without any community outreach for the entirety of 2019 or 2020, and almost no opportunity for advance review by residents. It is now the Council agenda, again with almost no notice and without the text of the ordinance ever being provided publicly in advance. Unless rejected or revised, this ordinance will go into effect with serious, adverse consequences for Long Beach residents.

The troubling provisions are the terms applicable to non-resident owners, or "investors", who buy homes for the primary purpose of conducting short-term rental operations. The ordinance allows non-primary resident investors to buy multiple properties to operate as short-term rentals 365 days per year. This creates unlimited and unregulated hotel operations in residential areas anywhere in our city. The investors profit at the expense of the resident neighbors who suffer the neighborhood degradation, noise and other nuisances and increased housing costs associated with these hotel operations.

Equally troubling is that every one of the investor owned full-time STR properties would otherwise be available to address housing needs of local residents. In the midst of a housing crisis, the Council preliminarily approved a measure that they acknowledge will remove at least a thousand units (and likely many more) from the stock of available housing, with a provision to enable increases every year.

This ordinance harms all Long Beach residents, even those in neighborhoods with few STRs. Sacramento has threatened draconian measures on cities and towns that fail to increase available local housing. This includes financial sanctions and proposals to allow multi-unit, multi-story buildings in any residential area, destroying the peace and privacy of our homes and accelerating the destruction of our many historic neighborhoods. Long Beach will make itself a target of such measures if it adopts an ordinance that significantly decreases available housing.

The proposed ordinance is out-of-step with the trend in rules governing STRs in other California cities, which is to prohibit or restrict non-owner occupied STRs in order to preserve neighborhoods and available housing. Most similar cities prohibit STRs, or non-owner occupied STRs altogether in residential areas, for example, Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, Manhattan Beach, Santa Monica, Laguna Beach, Orinda, San Diego (limits STR license to owner's primary residence). Others limit the number of days any home can be short-term rented; for example, San Francisco, limited to full-time residents only and 90 days of rental per year. Such limitations avoid "hotel" operations in residential neighborhoods and the adverse impacts on long-term housing.

The provisions of the proposed Long Beach ordinance addressing short term rentals by **resident** owners are reasonable and in sharp contrast to the lack of restrictions on non-resident owners. Those provisions allow unlimited hosted/owner occupied short-term rentals (where an owner who is present rents out a room in the home), and allow a primary residence to be short-term rented up to 90 days per year. These provisions provide needed income to our local residents, while the presence and involvement of the owner generally prevents the nuisance activity and neighborhood degradation that accompany unsupervised "hotel" operations.

Non-resident owners should be subject to the same or stronger restrictions. Short-term rentals in Long Beach should be prohibited for non-resident owners; or, if permitted at all, restricted to 90 days of short-term rentals per year, just like resident owners. Such a term will prevent the entire removal of these homes from the long-term market, and a 90-day limit, which parallels the provision for short-term rentals of primary residences, creates uniformity and fairness. Nor should such owners be permitted to conduct large-scale commercial parties in residential neighborhoods, something that is generally banned by other communities.

The proposal is particularly harmful now, when the important Long Beach hotel industry has been so hard hit by the COVID-19. When the industry starts to recover, it should not be faced with lost business from these unregulated and unfair rogue hotels that operate without the safety and other regulations applicable to hotels.

Nor is a prohibition on full-time hotel operations unfair to the investor owners. Given current rents, they can earn an ample income by simply renting the homes to full-time locals and thereby help address the housing crisis. While they may argue that they can make more money from short-term rentals, that is irrelevant: to the extent they have been conducting such operations, which are currently prohibited under Long Beach law, they have been operating illegally. They cannot have reasonably purchased a property based on the expectation that they could continue to conduct illegal hotel operations in residential neighborhoods, nor should they now be rewarded for doing so.

I urge the Council to make the following amendments prior to adopting a Short-Term Rental ordinance:

- Prohibit short-term rentals by non-primary resident owners, or limit such rentals to 90 days per year;
- Prohibit absentee owners from owning multiple units for short-term rentals; and
- Prohibit large-scale, commercial events at residential homes.

The future of our community is at stake, and these simple revisions, already enacted by many other cities, will help preserve our community. The incremental income that can be earned by

the City from these operations does not even come close to compensating for the tangible and intangible costs such operations would impose, and the same income will likely be earned from taxes on local hotels who will not lose business to these types of operations.

Thank you for your consideration,

Laura Lindgren, resident Long Beach, CA From: Kenny Stewart [<u>mailto:lbman52@yahoo.com</u>] Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:00 PM To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>> Subject: Shirt term rentals

-EXTERNAL-

Please do not make any changes into the existing short term rental municipal policies. As a short term rental owner, I provide a valuable resource to the community. My back apartment serves as an extended guest bedroom for several of my neighbors. We keep visiting families close together and provide a service much different than what the larger hotels provide.

I also put the profits of my short term rental back into the community and into the neighborhood. Please don't stifle this valuable resource.

Kenneth Stewart Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android From: Anthony Swager [mailto:AnthonyS@JTThorpe.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:12 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Cc: Tamara Swager <<u>tamaragswager@gmail.com</u>>; Anthony Swager <<u>tonyswager@gmail.com</u>>;
Subject: STR

-EXTERNAL-

City Clerk,

Good afternoon. I am writing you today to oppose the Hotels proposition to ban STR during COVID. As an STR host, the income provided during the COVID pandemic is paramount to our livelihood given the reduced income during this pandemic.

In addition, I also oppose the limit of 1000 of unhosted STRs. At a minimum, the city's consultant recommended 1% of housing which is over 1700 unhosted STRs. I also am opposed to the opt out ban on unhosted units and the lottery drawing for unhosted units.

Please consider this as a vote of no on the hotel ban of STRs during COVID, limit of unhosted STRs to 1,000 and the lottery drawing for unhosted STRs. Thank you for your time and consideration.

We look forward to a favorable outcome tonight.

Sincerely as we all try to get through together,

Anthony Swager STR Host

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From: Tamara Swager [mailto:tamaragswager@gmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:49 PM To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>> Subject: Item 20-0453

-EXTERNAL-

Dear, City Council Persons,

I am writing regarding **item 20-0453**, the proposed regulation of Short Term Rentals in Long Beach California. As someone who has shared my home with guests since 2016, I feel strongly the benefits of Short Term Rentals when regulated and operated appropriately, can't be overstated.

I support short term rentals in Long Beach. We follow rigorous cleaning and sanitizing protocols set forth by the CDC and as provided by Airbnb. We are providing vital housing for medical and essential workers in self contained units (not in home. Currently I have two (2) COVID-19 relief workers in two of my residences at less than \$50 per night, which is much less expensive, much safer and much more sanitary than a hotel.

In another residence I have a gentleman from Italy who has been stranded here since March as a result of COVID-19. He is away from his family, his wife, his children and all the comforts of home. His employer gave him a stipend of just \$70 per day to find accommodations. He was not able to afford a hotel. He has been in one of my homes for almost three months now and he is beyond grateful. So much so, that he too sent in a letter expressing his position on the need for Short Term Rentals.

I do not support a cap of 1,000 units. Licenses should be issues and should be tied to or indexed against available housing units with a cap of 1%. The Lisa Wise Consulting report stated there are 1328 active STRs in Long Beach in 2018. They come and go and many could be or are, operating through other platforms, such as VRBO/Homeaway, TripAdvisior, Flipkey and Booking.com so that number may well be closer to 1,500. 1328 represented 0.75% of housing stock. 1700 is 1% of housing stock. This is the suggestion made by the City selected, and City paid consultant. Indexing the allowable number of licenses against available housing stock with a 1% cap was recommended, is not arbitrary and is both fair and reasonable.

I do not support a "lottery" for licenses. Those of us who have been hosting for years, have been paying Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) as required and who have acted as ambassadors for Short Term Rentals should be queued up to pay for and receive licenses before others who have not. Many of us have been waiting for 4 years for the City to legalize home sharing and vacation rentals; we should have the first opportunity to operate our business under the long-awaited regulations.

I do not support a ban on Unhosted STR's by petition. Most STR hosts are responsible, with noise and nuisance complaints from short term rental properties representing less than 1% of City filed complains. A ban such as this pits neighbor against neighbor. Additionally, there is a provision in the ordinance to de-list operators who are unable or unwilling to comply with the regulations.

Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts and feelings on this. I realize I am but one voice, I am not part of union and not a recipient of the power of organized labor. I am, however, a Long Beach resident, a Long Beach tax payer, a Long Beach business owner and a passionate citizen who is simply asking for the same consideration as those with much more power.

Tamara Goddard, Swag Hospitality LLC

From: Greta Tice [mailto:gmtice@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 11:50 PM To: Mayor <<u>Mayor@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 2 <<u>District2@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 3 <<u>District3@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 4 <<u>District4@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 5 <<u>District5@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 7 <<u>District7@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 8 <<u>District8@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 9 <<u>District9@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 6 <<u>District6@longbeach.gov</u>>; Council District 1 <<u>District1@longbeach.gov</u>>; CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>> Subject: My Short Term Rental Story

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Honorable Mayor Garcia, City Council Members and City Manager,

In regards to the upcoming meeting pertaining to the short term rental ordinance, I wanted to share my experience with you as a local host. You see, shortly after the birth of my first child, my husband and I found ourselves in an unfortunate situation. I had become a full-time stay at home mom and my husband was the sole bread winner. We had recently renovated our accessory dwelling unit in order for my mother to move in with us from out of state. She agreed to help care for our child so that I would be able to return to work. The cost of outside childcare basically zeroed out my salary, so this was our plan to help make ends meet.

After putting all of our savings into the space to make it livable, our plans were shattered by the news that my youngest sister passed away unexpectedly. Understandably, this sent my mother into a deep depression. Due to this, she was no longer up for the big move to California and no longer in the mindset to care for a small child all day. Not only were we dealing with the loss of my sister, but we were also without childcare, without our savings and down to only one income.

Then we found hope. My neighbor made the suggestion that we try listing our ADU on Airbnb to help with supplemental income. We were a little apprehensive, but it turned out to be the best thing we could have done. The income from our short term rental literally saved us from financial disaster. That was about three years ago now.

Not only has it provided my family with stability, but it allows us the flexibility to have the space available for our family to stay with us from time to time, when they come from out of town to visit. I have been able to meet amazing people from all over the world, and share our wonderful city with them. I refer them to mom and pop businesses in the neighborhood instead of the standard corporate big businesses that they would only see otherwise.

I want you to know that I am like most hosts in Long Beach. There are no large corporate hosts here. Companies like Saunder and Zeus have no presence in Long Beach. Sure some of us have more than one listing, but we aren't getting rich at all. We are just making enough to support ourselves while doing something we truly love.

Additionally, we are creating jobs. Each of my cleaners, maintenance employees and co-hosts have made a minimum of <u>\$25</u> an hour, some of them even more. Can the local hotels say that? At the last city council meeting when the ordinance was discussed, hotel workers stood up and said that they only made minimum wage. Nobody can survive off of that. We treat our employees like family. I can't imagine making them struggle like that.

Please take my story into consideration. If I lose my rental, then four jobs will be lost. Valuable tax income

to the city will be lost. The referrals to our neighborhood restaurants and shops will be lost. All of us will be very hurt financially and our guests will just stay in another city that still allows short term rentals, because people want more than a hotel stay... they want human connection.

Sincerely,

Greta Hunold Neighborhood Host in District 6 From: Linda Valdez [mailto:lluvaldez@gmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 3:15 PM To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>> Subject: RE: 20-0453

-EXTERNAL-

Good Afternooon:

As a 10 year on-site Airbnb host, I must speak out against the restrictions recommended by the council. After dedicating 10 years to a beautiful sharing community, a lottery to see if I am allowed to participate is completely unfair and cause of great concern.

Hosts are not immune to the loss of income caused by the pandemic. It is crucial that we retain the right to offer a portion of our homes to help offset everyday costs. Responsible Airbnb hosts are uber conscious of cleanliness and proper sanitation and many offer no contact shelter.

I am extremely concerned about the prohibition of STR's in ADU's! This city, in fact the entire state, has encouraged the building of ADU's and now you want to regulate how they are utilized? There are many hosts, who are not looking for permanent roommates and most likely never will. We are not denying rent to those in dire need.

This amendment will truly deny affordable access to the coast for many who can barely afford a vacation.

Allowing petitions by neighborhoods to ban rentals is going too far. A neighborhood should not vilify a host who is trying to keep their family home until their children grow up to occupy it or when they are able to sell. There are many situations where a tenant cannot be removed immediately, property is damaged in the process, and neighbor relationships are strained. Technology offers a variety of security, i.e. noise levels, view of parkways, for a host to be able to manage properly.

I urge you to consider these points in tonight's meeting.

Regards,

Linda Valdez 90807 From: Corinna York [mailto:corinnayork1@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Jerry Andis <jerryandis243@gmail.com>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1
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<District9@longbeach.gov>; Corinna York <CorinnaYork1@gmail.com>
Cc: Suzie Price <suzie@suzieaprice.com>; Rick Jong <Rickjong@live.com>; Marci Tasche
<marcitasche@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Vote No

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Council,

I tried to write an ecomment regarding the Airbnb and Short Term Rental Item on the Agenda this Tuesday but after I completed my email and tried to submit it stated system error so I am not sure it went through.

I am a single mom of two and have had two unhosted Airbnb's which has helped me support my kids. Seeing that the City Council was moving to make some changes, I have changed one of my Airbnbs to a rental.

This has not only cut my income in half but it also stops other local businesses from making money. We created a relationship with various restaurants and recreational facilities like Georges Greek Café, Panxa, paddle boarding and kayaking facilities.

We probably supported one of these places every day. Now more than ever, it is vital to support the economy and not repress it. I plead that you vote to

Not ban unhosted short term rentals

Increase 1000 unhosted STRs to 1500

Please note that we as hosts have signed the living wage pledge. We do not compete with hotels. There are actually no hotels in Belmont Shore. Airbnb has created an area where we have to follow strict cleaning procedures.

We abide by all city of Long beach safe at home rules during Covid and ask our guest to as well and follow the local Covid related guidelines.

We employ people from the local community and pay them well to clan and maintain our properties.

Thank you for your time,

Corinna York-Rice

On Sun, May 17, 2020 at 9:05 PM Jerry Andis <<u>jerryandis243@gmail.com</u>> wrote: Banning STRs during this crisis is exactly wrong direction for our economy

Many residents will be watching how the Council discusses this topic and votes

Thanks

Jerry Andis

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bianca Zen [mailto:bwen22@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 3:37 PM
To: CityClerk <<u>CityClerk@longbeach.gov</u>>
Subject: Short Term Rental.

-EXTERNAL-

This is not the time for Hotels to band short term rentals during COVID 19 global epidemic! Short term rentals are the perfect solution with the extra space and distances to keep this country safe.

As Hosts we oppose:

- Limit 1000 hosts of unhosted units.
- Opt out ban on unhosted units.
- Lottery drawing for unhosted units.

Thank you, Bianca