

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Gatto

Date Submitted: 03/17/2025 05:00 PM

Council File No: 14-1635-S10

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon Councilmembers; my name is Amy, and I'm a resident of Council District 14. I'm here to speak in favor of all 13 recommendations to strengthen the Home-Sharing Ordinance contained in Item 28. According to Professor David Wachsmuth of McGill University, 5000 additional people experience homelessness in LA thanks to the proliferation of short-term rentals. In the wake of the LA fires, thousands more people are now looking for long-term housing, and some STR hosts chose to take advantage of this by price gouging: a recent analysis by Better Neighbors LA found over 1400 instances of price-gouging on STR platforms in the wake of the fires. The homelessness and housing crisis is the most urgent issue faced by Angelenos today. If we're going to be serious about tackling the issue of homelessness, then we need to address illegal short-term rentals by strengthening regulations. The private right of action and electronic verification system contained in this motion would help make it easier for the City to enforce the Home-Sharing Ordinance—potentially returning much-needed residential units back to the long-term market. That's why I'm urging you all today to vote YES on these common-sense recommendations and strengthen the Home-Sharing Ordinance.

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Name: Vince Cigliano

Date Submitted: 03/17/2025 06:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in Council District 4 in a neighborhood with a very high density of short-term rentals. Nearly 5 percent of homes hold short-term rental permits and, at this time, many of the registered permit holders do not live at the location as is required by law. Allowing this to continue takes critical housing off the long term market when thousands of Angelenos have recently lost their homes. I support the recommendations made by the Housing and Homelessness Committee and am glad the City Council is finally taking action on this

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Name: Christine Mills OBrien

Date Submitted: 03/17/2025 07:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please support the recommendations from the Housing and Homeless Committee. Short term rental “Best Practices” recommendations submitted by PLAN should also be adopted. PLAN practices have been developed by constituents who have experienced some of the unsafe, illegal behaviors fostered by rogue or unmonitored short term rentals. Thank you

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/18/2025 03:37 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Re: City Council vote on 3-18-25. I, one of your constituents for 50 years, am IN FAVOR OF short term rental enforcement. A city department devoted to enforcing the short-term rental regulations should be created. I support the recommendations made by the Housing and Homelessness Committee.

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Name: Jonathan Brand, Bel-Air Association Executive Director

Date Submitted: 03/18/2025 08:37 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you City Council for hearing this item. The Bel-Air Association is in support of the recommendations of CF# 14-1635-S10 that enhances and beefs up the enforcement of existing short-term rental regulations, party house enforcement, and enforcement of other related commercial activities on residential property. The Bel-Air Association spends time and treasure battling against residential properties that are used as commercial enterprises. These commercial activities, generally in the form of party houses or licensed or unlicensed short-term rentals cause a tremendous nuisance to our community. We welcome stricter enforcement with adequate staffing to address the volume within Bel-Air and citywide as currently the reports that we have made to request enforcement have generally been unfulfilled. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.
Jonathan Brand Executive Director Bel-Air Association