

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/13/2024 09:14 AM

Council File No: 14-1635-S10

Comments for Public Posting: Airbnb has been a life-saving vehicle for my family and I. We rent one small room in our home and it's allowed us to keep our kids in decent schools and provide food. It would be a disgrace and a real hardship. The city would deprive us this extra source of income. I am disabled have two small children and a wife that I support And we need this source of income to stay here in our home. Thank you for your understanding and hopefully your recommendation that short term rentals be allowed in the city of Los Angeles Dean

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Name: Alex Harris

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in Echo Park and work downtown. But I often need to travel for work and family. When I leave, I use Airbnb to rent out my house to visitors looking for a space that feels more like a home than a hotel. My house is near Dodger Stadium, so I get a lot of families visiting town to see some games and patronize local businesses. Guests love my house, especially that they can walk to the stadium (without causing traffic) and my recommendations for locally-owned restaurants, stores, coffee shops, and concert venues in my neighborhood. Housing here is expensive, but being able to Airbnb my place helps cover some of that cost. Airbnb does a great job making sure hosts are registered with the City, collecting lodging taxes, and tracking how many nights we're allowed to host. I've registered, followed all the laws, and paid the City the fee (currently over \$1000) for a permit to list my house on Airbnb more than 120 nights a year. I got the permit because I've found that some years I need to be out of town more than 120 nights. I don't want my house to sit unoccupied when I'm gone. I'd rather use my house to host people who want to experience life in our great city, make money for the City, and introduce visitors to local businesses. The current ordinance is working well. I encourage the Council to keep it as is.

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Name: Coco

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello. I have been a long time airbnb host in Los Angeles. I am a home owner and as expensces living in this city and inflation has risen I have relied on the extra income from Airbnb at times to make ends meet. Working in the film industry I have to sometimes travel for work, and this allows extra income when I am gone, also with the problematic strikes and current problems in Hollywood employment Airbnb again has been a life saver. I am writing to address the unhoused crisis in Los Angeles, one I am directly affected by on my block. There are two unhoused families living in camper vans. They have been on our street for literally years. They do not want to be moved into housing by the city because they are drug addicts. I have personally witnessed prostitution, selling sex in exchange for drugs, and illegal drug use on multiple occasions. I have reported this to city council, to the police. Nothing gets done and they remain parking on our street. These people don't want to be in an Airbnb, they don't want any help, they are again it is not to be overlooked drug addicts with severe mental illness issues. Not allowing tax paying, property tax paying, city complying hosts like myself to make sure needed extra income under the argument that it will help the homeless crisis here in Los Angeles is just not realistic. The city needs to focus on the fact these people are mentally ill, and often addicted to drugs, and they wouldn't be welcome in an Airbnb as they are unsafe and doing illegal things. Please stop making the tax paying citizens suffer more! We need relief from this crisis and from the growing cost of living in this city. Airbnb is not the problem! If you want to cut down on people with multiple rental properties who clearly are operating as buisnesses on airbnb not homeowners fine do that, but don't make the real nuts and bolts of what airbnb is - homeowners renting their homes- suffer. We suffer enough living in this city with its myriad of problems.

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Name: Lauren Malkasian

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Comments for Public Posting: My family could not have stayed in our home had it not been for our Air B & B rental. We bought our home almost 20 yrs ago and with the downturn in the film industry these last yrs we decided to rent out a part of our home. We love our neighborhood and our neighbors love us and we can't imagine having to leave. Please keep the extended stay provision and support long time community members as we fight to keep the middle class alive in LA!

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Name: Paula Gardner

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Comments for Public Posting: I ve been hosting for about 7 years and pay all of fees in a timely manner and have a 5* rating for my house under the Hollywood sign. I couldn t live in my house of 40 years any longer if the long term license was withdrawn. Also would disappoint all of those tourists that enjoy staying in the Hollywood hills, our very special neighbourhood. In addition, city would loose out on annual 1000\$ license fee and about another 700-800\$ from additional nightly tax that I pay and the 30% additional tax paid to city by my guests. When you Really Think about it, not much financial advantage for anyone! And there s no criminal action even involved either...

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Name: Ashley Armstrong

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Comments for Public Posting: I am the mother of a child with a disability. Air Bnb has allowed for me to have the flexibility to meet his daily living needs. Without the ability to short term lease my home, I would lose my home, as I'm unable to meet my bills. I take hosting very seriously and have a 5 star rating with more than 150 reviews. For my family it has been a saving grace as we would be left without option to keep our home.

Communication from Public

Name: ANGELENO

Date Submitted: 04/13/2024 11:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City of LA, Hotel lobbyists and big, private corporate interests with fancy lawyers are trying to ban STR's. Every year they come out with more and more restrictions making it impossible for mom and pops to rent out their rooms or guest houses. Greed and corruption have overtaken Los Angeles. Property taxes go up every year without any relief for mom-and-pop single-family owners that are struggling like they offer in many other cities and counties, as our public services are being cut and taken away. I share my street with the out-of-control homeless population with needles and human feces and you permit and allow big, developers to build giant high rises in the pretense of solving housing issues in Los Angeles that they rent for a price only the wealthy can afford. You are successfully destroying communities, putting more and more regular people out on the streets, making regular people lose their homes and successfully exterminating the middle class that is barely hanging on by renting out our 1 unit via STR's to be replaced by hedgefund corporations that are buying up single homes. Stop trying to pass laws to make it more difficult with more regulations for STR's so you can benefit Hilton's of the world. Upon review of your proposal, I see a lot of shady changes being requested. 1. You are going to "REMOVE NOTICES OF VIOLATIONS" so you are just going to go straight into criminalizing and giving fines to people without heads up or due process? 2. Prohibit shares in ADU's and units with RSO's when you have FORCED SINGLE FAMILY OWNERS TO SIGN AN RSO MANDATORY TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FOR AN ADU. It is shady and illegal and apparent that this has been years in the making. You put into law with planning only about 5 years ago that everyone had to sign RSO to get ADU permits!!! 3. Disallow Extended HOME-SHARING? Why? So you can benefit the billionaire Hilton's and Hedgefund? It is evident to the public that you have made a multi-year plan with the billionaire interested in phasing out the possibility of any STR's. Instead of using our tax money to stifle and regulate the public that are barely able to afford this overpriced city or pay for groceries. Why don't you use those funds to keep corrupt billionaires and developers from colluding with the city to continue to build eyesores that only benefit the wealthy condo developers? and take care of the homeless

situation. I see Mr. Bertoni has worked in Beverly Hills, Pasadena and Malibu. Do you really have the public interest at heart or is it your donors? Who is the law office and the big money interests that spent thousands of dollars to put this proposal together? Make this public so we all know who the names are that are behind making life for regular Angelino's difficult. Sincerely, Angeleno - born and raised unlike the corp interests trying to rob us

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Name: Ck

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, We do Airbnb in our home with an extended permit and it has helped us tremendously since I am a freelancer in the film industry. The last WGA AND SAG strike nearly ruined us. As I write these lines I haven't gotten back to work yet. My husband doesn't work so we live on my salary but during the recent strikes for which I became collateral damage we survived thanks to Airbnb and the right to host in our home. If you take this right away I'm afraid of what will happen. Please let us continue to host in our homes. It is vital to our survival. Thank you so much.

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Name: Krista Carlson

Date Submitted: 04/13/2024 11:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, I am a homeowner who purchased a home after the City enacted its home-sharing ordinance. My husband and I purchased a home that is large enough for our extended family to visit and stay with us during holidays and summer break, but we do not need the entire home most of the time. We purchased the home in reliance on the City's ordinance, which allowed us to pay an extended fee in order to share our home more than 120 nights a year. If the City changes this ordinance, we will no longer be able to afford the mortgage on our home, which we would never have purchased if we had been aware a change was possible. We purchased the home with the good faith belief that the City had considered and resolved this issue, and that we could rest assured that the law was the law and we would be financially secure. Please do not repeal the extended permit option, as doing so will create a great hardship to us and other similarly situated homeowners. Yours, Krista Carlson

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Name: Anneliese Johnson

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Comments for Public Posting: My family depends on the income we receive from our STR property. We abide by every rule, submit all things in a timely manner, renew our registrations on time, and remain a five star super host on all platforms we participate in. This form of income is a huge, part of surviving in Los Angeles and our guests always appreciate the incredible experience. Our STR provides them with and is a lovely option for travelers instead of just giving money to hotels. Please do not repeal the extended Home Sharing permit and please allow those of us who are following the rules and regulations to T to continue doing business as usual in order to support our families in our livelihood.

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Name: Carine Giacomini

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Comments for Public Posting: My husband and I are both retired and we depend on the extended home-sharing permit, which allows us to stay in our home and make ends meet. I appeal to you and even beg you to please allow this permit to stay in place. The real problem with the lack of affordable housing in L.A. are the people who are NOT sharing their homes, but renting out apartments and condos that they DO NOT LIVE IN. Why not crack down on these illegal offerings instead of harassing compliant citizens, who have the right to make some extra money from renting out rooms in their own homes?

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Name: Isabelle Saubadu

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Comments for Public Posting: Being able to rent has definitely contributed to my income and it has been detrimental to my financial support and help in keeping me afloat . Not having the option to rent on Airbnb Would be a terrible loss of support . I urge you I hope you can hear our plea and to continue allowing us hosting.

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Name: Don Becker

Date Submitted: 04/13/2024 01:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a Host of an Airbnb in a back Studio apt in the rear of our yard in Van Nuys. We have been operating for several years and have always been in full compliance on an extended program paying very high fees for the privilege. We do this not only for our extremely important income in retirement, but also very happy to contribute these fees to support our city. It would be horrible for us and all in good standing to be penalized for some non-compliant problems. I implore all the decision makers to please solve these problems in a different way than to disrupt our Airbnb good standing. Thank you Donald and Adrian Becker. Our Airbnb Registration # HSR22-001136

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Name: Michael Courtney

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Comments for Public Posting: According to Redfin.com in an article from March, 26th 2024 "Affordability is one of the key advantages of living in Fresno, California. Compared to other cities in California, housing is one of the major areas where Fresno is more affordable than other cities in the state. The median sale price for a home in Fresno is \$350,000, which is lower than the national average of \$383,000 and much lower than the median sale price in Los Angeles" Why am I talking about Fresno, California you may ask? Because Fresno, despite its abundance of affordable housing has the largest homelessness rate in California. Let that sink in. One more example from the other side of the country. Miami has the most year-round vacation rentals (AirBnb, VRBO) per capita of any city in the USA, and yet it is 19th on the list of major US cities when it comes to homeless numbers. These two examples illustrate that A.) Affordability is not directly tied to the numbers of homeless and B.) The number of AirBnbs are not directly tied to homelessness. The whimsical dream that lowering the number of long term vacation rentals will solve homelessness is misguided, and has no merit in respect to hard facts and data. It is a misguided (pin the tail on the donkey) approach. A dangerous guessing game when you have not done the research. Homelessness is a complex issue, one that involves policing, laws, the court system, drug addiction, abuse, convictions, personal choice, and racism, to name a few. The city of Los Angeles needs to take action on all of the a fore mentioned before it targets local hosts, its hardworking citizens of the city that employ numerous others from cleaners, to managers, gardeners, food delivery services, the list is enormous. We have built our lives and livelihoods around this vacation rental system (which has helped the city of Los Angeles thrive with tourism and tax dollars) If the extended permit is removed it will not make the slightest difference in the homelessness problem (just look at Fresno). What it will do with certainty is to increase the number of homeless. You can add nearly every local long term host along with its large number of supporting workers to the numbers that will no longer be able to afford to keep their own home in this city.

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Name: Pascal Giacomini

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, We are with my wife some of the few real short time hosts, as WE HOST GUESTS IN OUR OWN HOME, unlike about 50% of short term rentals in the city. We are the real home sharing!!! And we follow the law! I am 70 years old, my pension being \$1250/month, without renting part of our home we would HAVE TO SALE OUR HOME AS LOS ANGELES IS NOW SO EXPENSIVE!!!! Why the council does not content itself with going after THE TRUE ABUSERS!!! And keep homeowners in their homes, please!! What I can promise is that if any councilmen removes our capacity to make enough money to stay in our own home, I'll vote him out. Me and my extended family and friends.
Best regards Pascal Giacomini

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Name: Megan McCord

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Housing and Homeless Committee, Per Council File Number 14-1635-S10, please allow Airbnb hosts in good standing to continue extended stay home sharing. Those of us who follow the rules, have no complaints against us, and are reliant on the income derived from extended stay home sharing on Airbnb should not be penalized for the actions of those who flout and abuse the rules. Many residents like me and my husband depend on the income earned as extended home share permit hosts on Airbnb. Renting to guests on an extended home share permit provides my family needed income. I promote local shops, restaurants, entertainment, and cultural destinations in my recommendations to my guests. I'm a good neighbor, with house rules for guests that designate parking and quiet hours. Airbnb is a diligent safeguard of the rules enacted by the city. The platform is a responsible actor and will not allow extended home sharing without a permit and all the proper documentation required. Via Airbnb, I pay taxes to the city. The space I rent in my home is perfect for short stays but would not be suitable for a full-time tenant. I'm not removing potential housing from the rental market. I'm also keeping myself from falling into homelessness or losing my health insurance with the rental income I generate. And I'm sending guests to local businesses in need of income. The benefits of extended home sharing are broad. Please do not take away extended home sharing permits from those hosts who follow the rules, pay taxes to the city, and take pride in providing visitors to Los Angeles a place to stay. Thank you; Megan McCord & Ravi Knypstra

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Name: Marcy Vaj

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been an Airbnb host for 9 years. As I've gotten older, I have been losing freelance work and I have come to rely on the income from my rental to replace the lessening work. I adhere strictly to city and Airbnb rules and have had no neighbor complaints. In fact, most of my neighbors don't even know I have a rental. The renters have an alley entrance and I make sure they know not to disturb anyone. I understand some hosts are not so rigorous or trustworthy and make it bad for the rest of us who are law abiding. In their case, penalties should be enforced and their ability to do business should be restricted. But leave the rest of us alone to take care of our families! It's not a hard problem to solve. Making a blanket rule without taking into account the individual situation can be devastating to those of us who take this opportunity seriously and treat it as an ongoing business. Simply said, allowing only a third of available days in a year to rent isn't enough. Thank you for your consideration, Marcy Vaj Resident of Venice since 1983

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Name: St. Andrews

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Comments for Public Posting: It amazes me how often the City of Los Angeles does whatever it can to ruin hard-working, middle class peoples' lives with rules and regulations intended to fix ONE situation, but end up penalizing thousands of people in different situations that the City wasn't bright enough to consider when they idiotically pass laws, rules and regulations without considering the ripple effects. I understand the need to control people BUYING up property and using those properties as small hotels through the Short Term rental business. But for those of us who have owned our homes for over 70 years, it seems RIDICULOUS to apply those same limitations. I took care of my mother, who had dementia for the last 6 years of her life. If it weren't for Airbnb and VRBO short term renting our little ADU, we would have lost our home. When my mother passed, we were SADDLED with debt from her reverse mortgage. Knowing we could make a decent living Short Term renting our Cottage and our House we took on a 1 million dollar loan to pay off her reverse mortgage and used another \$276K to remodel the house to make it nice for our guests. ENTER the monsters of Los Angeles City. Not only did they come in with regulations to limit days we could short term rent, they're practically going door to door looking for ways to shut down the people from trying to make enough money to pay their mortgage and earn a living from the ONLY asset they own. Their homes. First, we were forced out of business because our cottage (built over 40 years ago by my father) didn't have City Approved Permits. It was practically IMPOSSIBLE to get permits, no help from the city, busy phone lines, email correspondence that was never answered, etc. Finally, our only option was to SPEND OUR SAVINGS (there for TAXES) to TEAR DOWN our ADU and return it to the status of a Garage. And thanks for almost putting us out of business the first time. Once the City signed off on the \$75K dollar WASTE of a beautiful ADU that had been around since the 70's, we were able to get back to business. UNFORTUNATELY, we were shut down again because of the red tape CREATED BY THE CITY ITSELF having us jump through EVEN MORE HOOPS to get our registration back online. Which of course sets in motion a ripple effect of having to get The City and Airbnb and VRBO on the same page. More idiotic loop holes not planned for by the City NOT considering the

fall out of their rules and regulations. Now, it turns out AGAIN that The City is up to more regulations that in the end won't solve anything but will CERTAINLY force many of us to sell our homes. (Don't get me started with the taxes that happen in that case. It's USERY and criminal!) Please, do not do this. Either figure out a way to stop those who are buying up property to take advantage of the system without penalizing those of us just trying to save our family homes, or just leave us be to use our asset to save our asset without getting in the way of progress. Do the right thing. Don't punish the majority who are doing what they can within the system to stop the few who are abusing it. DO NOT PASS ANY MORE RESTRICTIONS ON SHORT TERM RENTING. Our next best effort is actually RENTING. But the squatter situation in Los Angeles now is a BIGGER ISSUE that you seem to ignore. A friend of mine was forced to rent her home because she couldn't push through on the City Red Tape to short term rent. NOW she can't get the renters out. They haven't paid anything since they first got in and THEY'RE USING THE SYSTEM THAT YOU CREATED against the home owner. It's not right. It's not fair. It's criminal and YOU ARE THE PROBLEM. Please don't do this. Let us continue to short term rent, WITH THE ABILITY TO EXTEND (which you've already figured out a way to rake more money from us because of extension rules...) so we can continue to make a living in our senior years and not lose our family home of over 70 years!

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Name: Nika A Cavat

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Comments for Public Posting: I've been an Air B & B host for over a decade. As a single mother and full time teacher, the income has been critical in closing an ever widening financial gap. I wouldn't be able to pay for many essential things like utilities, property taxes, and so on otherwise. During the pandemic, I hosted several traveling nurses in dire need of respite, new grandparents visiting their families, & young travelers who otherwise couldn't afford to visit the city. I've provided short term housing for countless people, using my deep knowledge of Venice and the rest of L.A. to be a strong ambassador and guide. I can't emphasize strongly enough how vital it is to continue being able to host in this manner. I'm also a lifelong advocate for compassionate treatment of those less fortunate than others. Thank you for your careful consideration for people such as myself and those I champion and host.

Communication from Public

Name: Evy

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Comments for Public Posting: Hosting on Airbnb is the only thing keeping my family going right now. With all the strikes in the entertainment industry and inflation, my work in film, tv, & commercials has been reduced to almost nothing. Airbnb has been a valuable way to provide for and sustain my family.

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Taylor

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in regards to proposed changes to the Los Angeles STR Ordinance. It is my strongly held opinion that the current Los Angeles Ordinance strikes a careful balance between protecting housing in Los Angeles while also enabling honest, hard-working homeowners who use STRs to defray the extreme costs of home ownership in Los Angeles. The LA City Council spent many resources developing the current STR policy that fairly balances both. Changes to this policy would unfairly penalize honest operators. I rent a bedroom in my property and the income allows me to own property in Los Angeles which I would be unable to do otherwise. The current policy has given me the opportunity to provide great accommodations to visitors (often who become friends) to Los Angeles while also earning extra income in the process. While I understand there are a few bad apples who are able to circumvent the current ordinance, I think it would be a disproportionate response to terminate the extended permit because bad actors are manipulating the rules for their own benefit. Perhaps a greater focus on enforcement would be a better solution than completely changing or repealing the ordinance. I can't help but think that the LA City Council is at risk of throwing the baby out with the bathwater on this one. I implore you to please retain the current policy you have in place and perhaps focus more on enforcement and working with STR platforms to root out manipulative and dishonest operators. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Lisa Cole

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been a super Host with Airbnb for 8 years. It is the only platform I use for my STR. The income we earn from Airbnb is vital to support our Family of four. We rely upon the ability to do extended home sharing annually. I've read the reports and know that the revenue generated by STRs contributes significantly to Los Angeles. Not to mention - our local neighborhood of Glassell Park that many people visiting would never know about had they not stayed at our Airbnb. Our guests frequent the small local businesses (we curate an extensive list) that have also come to rely on STR income to support their revenue stream. We urge you to continue allowing STR hosts to apply for extended home sharing annually and to be able to continue to home share period. Please do not disrupt this vital source of income for my family & community. We are not taking away living opportunities from homeless people as we would not be able to accommodate the unhoused in our property. Sincerely, Lisa Cole Glassell Park homeowner since 2008

Communication from Public

Name: Kristin A Rasmussen

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Comments for Public Posting: As a middle income family being able to rent our lower unit has truly kept us from losing our home in a steadily declining economy. It also creates enriching experiences for our 10 year old son as he gets to interact with people from around the world. I understand we are facing an increasing housing epidemic in LA, but folks like my family as well as others in our neighborhood are not the problem. We are simply trying to stay afloat.