

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning - name is Andrew Pifko. As a multi-year, airbnb extended home sharing participant, I wanted to speak on behalf of maintaining a robust staff for this aspect of the planning department. Having maintained a complaint free homeshare, that falls within the parameters of the guidelines set out by the city, I look forward to sharing my revenue with the city, and doing so by having a well-supported partner in the planning department. Like parking enforcement and city licensing, home sharing is a robust form of income for funding city initiatives, as well as drawing more tourists to the city (by providing less expensive forms of accommodation) which in turn provide greater tax revenue through restaurants, entertainment, local sales tax, etc. The much publicized shortfall in the city's finances certainly gives pause in assessing which departments are a priority in the coming years. To be sure, those departments - in this case maintenance and enforcement of homesharing within the planning department - are ongoing source of revenue, at a time when our city needs every source it can get. To lessen the vigor of this department would exacerbate an already worsening situation - and we should make every effort to maintain its force and effect in the coming years. Thank you for your time, Sincerely, Andrew Pifko