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Housing Committee Meeting CF #14-1635-S2

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Dear Councilman Cedillo-

I attended the special Housing Committee meeting addressing the proposed Short Term Rental ordinance yesterday.

Unfortunately, I was not afforded the opportunity to speak at that hearing.

Here are the remarks I planned to make and would like to include them in the public record of this proposed ordinance.

I share a room in my home of 37 years as a short-term rental. I was forced into retirement 5 years ago and depend on the income from my guest room year-round as the principal source of my livelihood.

I fully support the mandate in the ordinance that restricts home sharing to one's primary residence.

It is the key to this law and demands rigorous enforcement.

I also applaud creating a mechanism whereby responsible, resident hosts can exceed the annual cap.

However, draconian requirements to lift the cap do nothing to curb commercial operators and investors who remove housing from the market. They merely penalize 'good' hosts with exorbitant fees and a new bureaucracy to navigate.

Please make this process simple, fair, and inexpensive. Why not grandfather existing resident hosts without any restrictions?

Let responsible resident hosts, many of whom are retired, seniors, disabled, and single parents trying to make ends meet, share their homes year-round without having to pay thousands of dollars, and jump through hoops to do so.

Sincerely,

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