

Communication from Public

Name: Studio City Residents Association

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Council File No: 18-1246

Comments for Public Posting: RE: Opposition to Council File 18-1246 – expansion of AirBNB
The Board of the Studio City Residents Association (SCRA) opposes Council File 18-1246. During a historic housing crisis and pandemic that has exacerbated housing access, the City should not allow AirBNB and other home-sharing services to expand operations. By chopping its widespread effort to legalize home-sharing into three smaller actions, the City is distorting the environmental consequences of its effort and circumventing informed decision-making under the California Environmental Quality Act. So too, the City has failed to sufficiently analyze, identify, and mitigate cumulative impacts resulting from the VRO and related City efforts to unduly loosen its Code to legalize home-sharing activities across the City. The HSO, VRO, and HSO/RSO amendment essentially remove roughly 42,000 units that would otherwise be available to provide long term housing—which is more than the 36,571 shortfall of very low-, low-, and moderate-income units needed for the City to meet its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (“RHNA”) obligations.