

Fwd: Support vacation rentals in LA

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From: **Patrese Hedding** <heddinginc@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 2:32 PM
Subject: Support vacation rentals in LA
To: Clerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Dear City Clerk,

My name is Patrese and I have a vacation rental in Woodland Hills, CA. I have been an LA Airbnb host for 1.5 years. I'm emailing to ask that you support the vacation rental ordinance with the changes recommended by the City Planning Commission.

Thank you for working towards allowing us to host. However, as written, the proposed ordinance removes the ability for LA residents like myself to utilize short-term rentals as a crucial economic lifeline, and instead benefits big hotels. Paying a \$850 permit fee to operate a vacation rental for 90 days a year would be particularly harmful to me. The ban has affected my family financially and we need this income to help us pay our mortgage.

Airbnb hosts help support LA's tourism industry and generate critical economic activity. Visitors that stay at Airbnb listings help support small businesses in neighborhoods that have not traditionally benefited from the city's tourism economy, many of whom have been severely impacted by the pandemic.

I love our community and want to see my city thrive by supporting local travel and small businesses without overly restrictive regulations. Vacation rentals have been a part of LA for decades, and they make it possible for many families to visit the city affordably.

PLEASE support the planning commission's recommendations and work WITH us to develop sensible, balanced solutions that allow residents to share their vacation homes, protect the integrity of neighborhoods, and ensure hosts, guests, and communities across LA continue to receive the full economic benefits of short-term rentals.

Regards,
Patrese Hedding