

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Morales

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 09:35 PM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: We urge the Los Angeles City Council to delay and consider the elimination of police permits for homeowners legally doing short-term rental in LA. Imposing a police permit to homeowners, who are just legitimately trying to make a living and afford to keep their homes, in the ever raising costs of living in our City of Angels, it does nothing but to add unnecessary administrative burden and hurdles. Isn't the LAPD already short-staffed and urgently needed to address real public safety issues? As it is, the short term rental application and annual renewal, as well as all the limitations already imposed, have become a grueling process for your constituents. Please do not add more barriers. We give back to our communities, support the local economy, provide short and mid term housing, pay city taxes and fees, while being able to afford keeping our homes. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Steve Hirsh

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 09:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed date is too soon for hosts like me, who are just finding out about this. Hosts need more time to understand and possibly prepare for this change. A delay to 2025 can give more time to establish the process and assure the process and implementation to be streamlined and easy to follow.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 06:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of hoteliers across Los Angeles, we ask that you support this and vote yes to approve the motion. Please see our attached letter. Thank you, Signed HALA, CHLA, AHLA, AAHOA



June 6, 2024

Dear Councilmembers,

On behalf of hoteliers across Los Angeles, we would like to provide you information about agenda item #8 on tomorrow's agenda for your briefing with the Councilmember. This item is from Council President Krekorian and is CF # 22-0822-S2 ([motion](#)). Briefly, what this does is move the effective date to Jan.1, 2025 (from this July 1) when hotels and short-term rentals must apply for "police permits." We ask that you support this and vote yes to approve the motion.

The original date that was set when the Council approved a last-minute ordinance in December to avoid a costly ballot measure. The ordinance – LAMC 103.400 – required LAPD and the Police Commission to create a permitting system for hotels, motels and STRs. Subsequently, the Police Commission requested the Council delay implementation because of a lack of funding, staff and an online portal to create, host and operate the permit system. The CAO concurred, adding "This Office also recommends against providing resource funding to the Board of Police Commissioners to initiate the Responsible Hotel Ordinance, given that additional analysis, including an applicable fee study, is required to determine the full cost of the program. Furthermore, this initiative is currently pending consideration before the Public Safety Committee."

As a result, even though there were assurances that there would be time to "clean this up", there is currently no permit or permitting process in place. *The result is that hotels (and STRs) can be found liable for not having a permit that does not exist - unless this implementation date is moved.* We need a program that is easy to use and works for our businesses, all of the local businesses that serve our members and the tens of millions of guests we have every year. We're committed to working with the City – the hotel industry wants to be and will be part of a system that is fair and is easy to comply with and that isn't a club that's used against hotels.

Again, our hoteliers are committed to working with the City Council on a fair and equitable permitting system to be ready to implement next year.

We respectfully ask for a yes vote on item #8.

Signed HALA, CHLA, AHLA, AAHOA

Communication from Public

Name: Lucy Lesniak

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 06:38 PM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Writing to insist on amending the effective date for residents to acquire a police permit to continue home sharing from July 1, 2024 to January 1, 2025. The City and LAPD need more time to establish the process and report back on potential alternatives to the requirement. Hosts spent years helping shape the current home sharing regulations and implementation of the new requirement should be streamlined and easy to follow.

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Name: Nima Rasakhoo
Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 08:04 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Homesharing hosts need a simple and streamlined process, not additional red tape.

Communication from Public

Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the recent mandate requiring a police permit for short-term rentals in our city. As a self-employed writer who has recently come out of a prolonged strike, the ability to rent my property on a short-term basis is crucial for me to meet my financial obligations. The strike significantly impacted my income, and as I work to rebuild my financial stability, short-term rental income is a vital source of support. It allows me to pay my bills and maintain my property. While I understand and appreciate the city's efforts to curb illegal short-term rentals, the new mandate requiring a police permit presents significant challenges. First and foremost, the process to obtain the police permit is not yet ready to be effectively implemented. Many aspects of this mandate need further diligence to ensure a smooth transition. Without proper planning and sufficient funding, it will be incredibly difficult for property owners like myself to comply with the new regulations. The current lack of resources and clarity surrounding the permit process creates an environment of uncertainty and potential financial strain. The requirement for a police permit is a strong measure, but it needs to be accompanied by adequate support and infrastructure. The transition to this new system must be handled with care to avoid placing undue burdens on responsible property owners who rely on short-term rentals for income. I urge the city to consider the following steps to facilitate a successful implementation: Extend the Transition Period: Allow more time for property owners to understand and comply with the new requirements. Increase Funding and Resources: Ensure that the necessary resources are in place to support the permit application and approval process. Provide Clear Guidelines: Offer detailed and accessible information on how to obtain the permit, including any associated costs and required documentation. Support Responsible Owners: Implement measures that support responsible property owners who are willing to comply with regulations but need time and assistance to do so. By taking these steps, the city can achieve its goal of regulating short-term rentals while also supporting residents who depend on this income. I am committed to complying with the law and being a responsible property owner, but I need the city's assistance to navigate this transition. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look

forward to your response and hope we can work together to find a solution that benefits all parties involved. Thank you

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Name: Alasdair

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Comments for Public Posting: Requiring a Police permit for airbnb is a ridiculous waste of everyones time and resources. This should not be approved. At the least the date should be pushed to Jan 2025 for further study.

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Name: Christopher M. Allport

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 08:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: RE: ITEM 8 - STR I am a lifelong, native resident of the City of Los Angeles. I am providing, AFFORDABLE HOUSING in a market that desperately needs it. Los Angeles City Council, STILL has not taken heed of the cries of individual Airbnb hosts, who rely on short term rentals to make ends meet. We are ordinary citizens homeowners who are trying to pay our mortgages. Many of us, including myself are working 3 or more jobs trying to make ends meet. We are providing affordable housing in a market where MORE HOUSING IS NEEDED. We are aware that the Hotel industry alone has persuaded the City Council to adopt measures making it onerous and difficult for us to rent out our homes. There are already fees, permitting and regulations in place for SHORT TERM RENTALS. We are already complying the those regulations. There is never staff in that department to answer phones and emails, the website often does not work, and there is no one to fix problems when they arise. A Police Permit puts yet another restriction on ORDINARY LOS ANGELEANS, and is likely an UNCONSTITUTIONAL violations of Amendment IV of the United States Constitution: Amendment IV (Privacy of the Person and Possessions) The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized. There is no PROBABLE cause to search homes of individual Single Family Homeowners that elect to share their homes with family members, housemates, or guests. The actions the City of Los Angeles is taking in regards to STR will likely be litigated up to the level of the US Supreme Court, as it can not possibly legal and in direct conflict with the fourth amendment. The Fourth Amendment specifically mentions "houses" as a place where person have a right "to be secure against unreasonable searches and seizures." A recent illustration of the Supreme Court's approach to search cases involving home privacy in *Kyllo v United States* (2001), considered whether thermal imaging of a private home for evidence of marijuana growing constitutes a Fourth Amendment violation. The Court's opinion in *Kyllo* found the thermal imager scans of a home to be "a search" that violated the homeowner's

reasonable expectation of privacy. When it comes to information about the home, the Court said, "all details are intimate details, because the entire area is held safe from prying government eyes." The CITY OF LOS ANGELES, with support from the commercial real estate industry, through an overworked, understaffed Police Force intends to send "prying government eyes" into our homes for UNCONSTITUTIONAL SEARCH. This takes resources away from keeping our streets safe, which is where the true problem lies. It is clear to us, the homeowners, that there are nefarious dealings and probable payoffs for the City Council by the Hotel Industry, as the COUNCIL REFUSES to listen to the cries of ordinary single family homeowners. As such, WE HOMEOWNERS hereby demand the POSTPONEMENT OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE for requirement for STR Police Permits. Furthermore, the City Council must know of its violation of the fourth amendment, we demand that you repeal such unconstitutional and unAmerican measures.

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Name: Linda

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Comments for Public Posting: I attended the last Council Meeting on this subject of imposing Police Permits on STR owners. This is an absurd addition to the already onerous requirements/expenses imposed on STR individuals who for the most part are simply attempting to be able to afford to stay in our own homes. In addition, STRs provide millions of dollars into the coffers of the city and our local economy and are crucial in supporting mom and pop restaurants and businesses. STR owners were NEVER INTENDED to be part of this - Mr Krekorian threw STR's in at the last minute. We are absolutely unable to understand the rationale or benefits to the city of LA of throwing yet another roadblock in our way. The LAPD, which as we all know is already grossly understaffed, does not have the manpower to even enforce this. PLEASE, please amend this proposal to exclude STR operators who were never supposed to be part of it in the first place!!

Communication from Public

Name: Patty Higgins

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not have a record, so running a background check is fine but making me pay a yearly fee to do Airbnb is defeating the purpose of doing Airbnb. It is for a income supplement. And with LA County charging a fee & now the police department I cannot improve my income, this is just making me feel defeated. I do not even know if & when I will be renting my room. I barely make \$1,200 a year with Airbnb if anything.....which is a no win with all the fees.

Communication from Public

Name: Michele Young

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been an STR host in Los Angeles for over 10 years, hosting via the Airbnb site, and have been vocal in the City's regulation of STR. I am writing this to urge the City council to revisit the implementation of the requirement for police permits, in addition to the current City permits, for STR in the City. The City and Host Compliance struggle to administer the current permits. Adding a police permit to the mix seems a recipe for disaster for STR hosts. Some background - as a single parent, in past times of financial hardship, being able to STR enabled me to keep my house. Now, I still host as I enjoy helping people visiting the area and meeting new people. What I don't enjoy is the increasing bureaucracy that the City is imposing on STR. I can understand wanting to have some regulations on STR in the City but, quite frankly, the system is a mess. Host Compliance and City Planning are completely incompetent when it comes to running the permit system. My choice now is to restrict my hosting to 120 days per calendar year so I only have to apply for the annual permit, the cost of which doubled this year. I have chosen to do this because I only STR one bedroom in my house and the earnings are minimal. However, if I choose to host more STR days than 120, which I used to do, I would pay the same extended fee - probably around \$2000 - as a much larger STR property. Unfair and it is not worth the \$\$\$ or the hassle for me. On the subject of the hassle, I personally haven't had to apply for anything other than the simple STR permit. Unfortunately, the City and Host Compliance seem to struggle with the administration of even the simple STR permit. When it comes to the Extended Stay permits to host more than 120 days, there are literally hundreds of hosts whose livelihoods are being impacted by the incompetence and constant errors made by Host Compliance and/or City Planning in their administrative process of the Extended Stay permits. Most of the time, no-one can reach anyone at either Host Compliance or City Planning to rectify the situation. Given this incompetence, I have little faith that adding yet another permit to the STR system in the City will be beneficial for anyone. I urge the City to revisit the whole system of STR regulation. Please simplify the permit process. As I said, I understand the need for regulation, but please look at an equitable fee scale for hosts depending on the services/property offered.

Instead of multiple permits, please streamline the permits into one permit system, one that can be easily handled by those administering the issuing of permits. The police very clearly don't want to administer these permits! For the 'bad actors' in STR, the party houses etc, more permits are clearly not the answer. Create an effective system to close down these bad actors, legally. There are many within the STR community who are willing and able to give input but have largely been ignored. We are the constituents, the voting constituents, who are being impacted by these regulations being sought by City council members, many of whom have close ties with the developers and hotel industries. STR was blamed for the homeless crisis yet several years after the emergence of organized STR, the numbers of unhoused in the City is greater than ever. Before the permits and TOT fees, millions of dollars that Airbnb collected from guests and hosts, earmarked for helping the unhoused community, was taken by the City and assimilated into the City council's general fund to help with the shortfall. Stop scapegoating STR! The LAPD is already understaffed and now you want to add the administration of STR police permits to their load? Doesn't make sense. So, in closing, I urge the City council to delay the implementation of STR police permits and to revise the entire STR permit process into a single permit system with the ability to incorporate extended stay and whatever the police permit is supposed to cover. Make the fees equitable, a sliding scale based on the property in question. Create an effective customer service system so that people who need help with permits or to solve problems can actually get the help they need, not an endless runaround or voicemail. And, in creating this system, involve your communities! One example - Nithiya Raman has a huge number of STR hosts in her council district yet she will speak to none of them. She not my council person but those in her district who contact her about STR either get ignored as she refuses to meet with them. Not good - Los Angeles can and should do better. Thank you for your time

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Name: Anne Marie Hamilton

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a single woman, a breast cancer survivor, and homeowner with an airbnb in Los Angeles. I use the airbnb to help cover my mortgage. I would need to hire someone to drive me to offices to meet with police, which is expensive. I have no record and have never been arrested or met with police before, and I find the idea very frightening and intimidating to be honest. It will take up limited resources and energy I don't have. You don't require this of any other similarly-situated group, and it feels punitive. I'm not able to meet with the police before July, and given how inefficient and kafkaesque the LA city offices can be, I imagine that this will cause a lot of problems and valuable hours of our lives. We need to have workarounds built in so that it doesn't cause an undue burden on hosts/homeowners like me and so that it can be done remotely for people who can't drive or who have health issues. Thank you.