

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel

Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 02:13 PM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: The hotels are just dragging STRs through the mud to obliterate their competition and return to their hospitality monopoly. Our free market systems thrives and advances precisely due to fair and open competition which catalyzes human creativity and flourishing. This favors large corporations over the common man, which is darkly ironic, in light of the alleged good intention that engendered this notion to begin with. STRs have nothing to do with your so-called housing crisis and it certainly does not have any bearing on why homelessness grows and festers today. If the same government that incentivizes our politicians and administrative government workers to increase the unhoused population tells you that we need to limit the STR industry because it hurts the homeless/displaced population, one must step into the room and ask the revelatory questions.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Kim

Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 02:40 PM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, Home sharing is one of the only ways left for me to keep up with the rising costs in LA. I host in my primary residence, and work hard to stay in compliance with the City's short-term rental permit process. We spent years helping shape the existing regulations, and now these last minute extreme requirements that would force residents to go to the police for permission to share their own home are being rushed through to a Council vote without public input. This ill-conceived bureaucratic overreach will affect thousands of Angelenos. LA residents who share their homes are unfairly getting dragged into a back room deal between hotels and UNITE Here. Please don't add even more hurdles for this crucial service that helps me and so many other hosts in LA make ends meet. Best, Elizabeth Kim

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie Tang

Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 04:45 PM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: I really don't understand why the regulators keep attacking and blaming short term rentals for homeless problems. Please create job opportunities, review standard of living, provide mental health care, and control drug and alcohol use. You have never treated the root cause and keep putting a bandaid on it pointing fingers at short term rentals. I am a single mother a young woman with 3 months old twin babies and you think it is ok that you let homeless to enter into our home? We are just trying to make ends meet, I can't even afford childcare to go back to work, I have to rely on the tiny income from short term rental. Whatever you are doing, you are just creating more homeless (STR hosts will soon become and join the homeless crew) - you are taking food away from my babies and our home away if I can't pay mortgage. We are just a bunch of small individuals not big corps. These are not fair regulations, you guys are just trying to kill us and push us to the corners. I have 2 babies to feed, bills to pay, and a postpartum depression to deal with.... PLEASE STOP ALL YOUR EVIL ACT NOW.

Communication from Public

Name: UNITE HERE Local 11
Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 04:58 PM
Council File No: 22-0822-S2
Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached.

November 1, 2023

Members of City Council
City of Los Angeles
200 N Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

We are proponents of the ballot initiative known as the Responsible Hotels Initiative, which the City Attorney has given the following Official Petition Title:

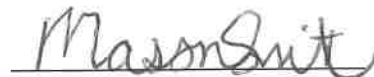
LAND USE AND REPLACEMENT HOUSING REQUIREMENTS FOR HOTEL DEVELOPERS; PROGRAM TO UTILIZE VACANT HOTEL ROOMS FOR UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS; POLICE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR HOTELS. INITIATIVE ORDINANCE.

We confirm that we believe the motion to advance a “compromise ordinance” to replace this ballot initiative presented today by Council President Paul Krekorian and Councilmembers Hugo Soto-Martinez, John Lee, and Katy Yaroslavsky reflects the intent and spirit of the original initiative and if adopted as presented would obviate the need for the March ballot.

Sincerely,


Sulamith Folz


Maria Salcedo


Mason Smith


Yajaira Reyes


Claudia Velasquez

Communication from Public

Name: Nella McOsker
Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 04:11 PM
Council File No: 22-0822-S2
Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter



November 6, 2023

City Council President Paul Krekorian
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Comments on the Responsible Hotel Ordinance

Dear Council President Krekorian,

Established in 1924, Central City Association (CCA) represents approximately 300 member organizations committed to enhancing Downtown Los Angeles' (DTLA's) vibrancy and increasing opportunity across the region. We are strong advocates for policies and projects that support our city's tourism industry, which is a pillar of our local economy.

We appreciate your leadership to negotiate a compromise "Responsible Hotel Ordinance" that would avoid a dramatic ballot initiative that would impractically require hotels to shelter unhoused individuals in vacant rooms. With the December 1st deadline for the ballot initiative to be withdrawn, we recognize that this ordinance must advance through the legislative process expeditiously. **However, this is a significant piece of legislation that will undoubtedly have major impacts on the city's tourism economy and we believe certain provisions of the proposed ordinance deserve further review and deliberation outside of this accelerated process. Specifically, we request that the provision to require police permits for hotels and short-term rentals be removed from this ordinance as it would saddle lodging operators with unnecessary costs and potentially limit the supply of lodging offerings. Tourism is a critical component of our city's economy and we want to ensure that the lodging ecosystem is robust to continue to support this industry, particularly in the run up to the 2028 Olympics and other major events on the horizon.**

Police permits are typically only applied to brick-and-mortar businesses, many of which have either police or fire alarms, and require fingerprints, background checks, and annual fees. This would be an onerous, costly and sudden requirement that may be an economic tipping point for lodging operators and would discourage future operators. This would shrink the pool of lodging options just as the City's tourism industry is beginning to recover from the effects of the pandemic and in the important period right before the Olympics.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments, which are intended to ensure that the city's tourism ecosystem is positioned to flourish and welcome visitors from around the world for the Olympics and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nella McOskey", written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nella McOskey
President & CEO
Central City Association

CC: Members of the Los Angeles City Council

Communication from Public

Name: Brian

Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 12:18 PM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: I 100% oppose these new regulations on STR. We already pay a significant amount of money to the city for an enforcement division and reporting already, taxes for hosting and income tax on top of this already. With prices sky high to live in Los Angeles this is a lot of our ONLY means to be able to afford to live in a nicer area that is safe. Please focus on things that really matter with City's time and money like the homeless that would clean up all the areas we live in to make living in Los Angeles a better place and open up more areas for everyone to live in. LAPD doesn't need more work also, they should again be focusing on things that matter, not being another set of desk clerks for the city to raise a fee off of. We are NOT the hotel industry with millions of dollars to our names, you are focusing on the wrong people that actually VOTE in this district while hotel owners don't.

Communication from Public

Name: Melanie Middien

Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 12:06 PM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: I am sorry that I can not be at the hearing today and in lieu of being there in person, I hope that you take my comments into consideration. I am a widow with two disabled children renting out a home as a short term rental. Our STR provides vital income for the support of our family. It is our main source of income and quite honestly, I don't know what we would do without it. I am not a hotelier and am registered with the city, paying taxes for our guest via Airbnb. Would this ordinance to pass, it would be an unnecessary burden on small operators such as myself. Police already are burdened in our area and the housing department addresses issues with complaints and will not re-issue licenses on problem properties. Thankfully, our home is not a problem property. I do believe there is a homeless problem which hotels can address; however, mandating short term rentals get a police permit is not a solution to this problem. Perhaps hotels could opt in with a Section 8 type hotel rooms. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 12:27 PM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Short term has been saving my finances in the past few years, I'm relying strongly on STR! Please do not take this away from us. With prices rising up tremendously, STR has been a saver to myself and my family.

Communication from Public

Name: Anita

Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 12:45 PM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members , What LA City Council is proposing on STR's affects not only my financial stability but most importantly, the basic American Value of protection of individual rights. With the latest restriction, the you wants Hotels, and what I would think would be companies renting out their properties to register their entities with the Police department. In addition, the Council has also placed US private citizens in the same bucket. It was bad enough that our information was placed on a public website revealing to the public our private business. There are distinct lines of demarcation between corporations and individual private citizens. Please read on: Supreme Court of the United States Hale vs. Hinkle (pages 74 and 75), the difference between an individual and a corporation when it comes to business! (we are NOT hotels). Obey decisions of what has been written on this issue LA City Council! A refresher: "The individual may stand upon his constitutional rights as a citizen. He is entitled to carry on his private business in his own way. His power to contract is unlimited. He owes no duty to the State or to his neighbors to divulge his business, or to open his doors to an investigation, so far as it may tend to criminate him. He owes no such duty to the State, since .he receives nothing therefrom, beyond the protection of his life and property." According to this ruling, even your public disclosure of private citizens who share their home is illegal. Home sharing is one of the only ways left for me to keep up with the rising costs in LA. I host in my primary residence and work hard to stay in compliance with the City's short-term rental permit process (especially since there is never anyone to answer questions promptly or not send you a pre-writing script that never answers the question, to begin with! We often do not know if we comply or not. What is the specific reason why I would have We spent years helping shape the existing regulations, and now these last-minute extreme requirements that would force residents to go to the police for permission to share their own homes are being rushed through to a Council vote without public input. This ill-conceived bureaucratic overreach will affect thousands of Angelenos. LA residents who share their homes are unfairly getting dragged into a backroom deal between hotels and UNITE Here. Please don't add even more hurdles for this crucial service that helps me and so many other hosts in LA make ends meet. Yes

backroom, NOT TRANSPARENT.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary M

Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 11:43 AM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not approve the requirement of a police permit to host guests in my private home where I pay property taxes! STRs should be removed from this deal as we mom and pop homeowners should not have to shoulder the burden of fixing the homeless crisis.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Chadwick Travel Technology Association

Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 11:45 AM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: November 6, 2023 The Honorable Karen Bass Office of the Mayor, City Hall 200 North Spring St., Room 303 Los Angeles, CA 90012 The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council Office of the City Council, City Hall 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 Dear Mayor Bass and Members of the Los Angeles City Council: Last week, Council President Krekorian introduced an ordinance attempting to address issues surrounding housing for the homeless, housing supply, and affordable housing. However, unrelated to that issue, it also includes an enormously burdensome requirement (“Section 4”, which adds “Sec. 6. Division 10 of Article 3 of Chapter 10” to the Municipal Code) for both hotels and short-term rentals to annually obtain a Police Permit to operate. The proposed ordinance is now being waived from committee hearings or any process of public input before Tuesday’s hearing in full Council, which denies Angelenos supporting the tourist economy the right to weigh in on rules that directly impact their ability to rent their primary residence. Short-term rentals already have a registration requirement, as outlined by the 2018 Home-Sharing Program, to rent out their residences located in the City of Los Angeles. This new, additional requirement in Section 4 of the proposed ordinance would add burdensome, needless redundancy, and potential conflict between one permitting system and the other. On behalf of the Travel Technology Association’s members, including online travel agencies, metasearch engines, short-term rental platforms, global distribution systems, and travel management companies, we believe the inclusion of short-term rentals in the definition of “Hotels” is inappropriate and will have massive negative implications for Angelenos who share their primary residence. At the very least “short-term rentals” should be excluded from the definition of hotel entirely, as is the case already in “Section 2” of the ordinance. Beyond that, the Council should consider removing “Section 4” entirely, which is not germane to the housing supply and housing affordability goals of the rest of the measure, and will also unduly burden hotels, particularly those that are small businesses. Thousands of Angelenos rent out their primary homes on a short-term basis to earn extra income for rent, student loan payments, and savings, while paying tourism tax and contributing to the city’s economy.

Obtaining a police permit would be an incredibly onerous process for these residents. Section 4 will also overwhelm city government with red tape in annually processing several thousand of police permit applications from residents and hotels including burdening subcontractors like restaurants or coffee shops simply doing business inside a hotel. It will create a bureaucratic backlog for the Los Angeles Police Department at a time when its ranks are at the lowest in decades. Law enforcement resources should be dedicated to protecting our community, not requiring ordinary homeowners to undergo public hearings and mandatory fingerprinting, and comply with vague annual “training” requirements. Additionally, the proposed ordinance will have a chilling effect on residents from diverse backgrounds, including communities of color who may be reluctant to be forced to engage with law enforcement just to be able to welcome visitors into their primary home. As the City is preparing to house a huge influx of tourists for the FIFA World Cup and the Olympic Games, the proposal will also imperil thousands of participants at a particularly important time for the growing tourism economy in Los Angeles. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Sincerely, Laura Chadwick President & CEO The Travel Technology Association



November 6, 2023

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Office of the Mayor, City Hall
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Communication from Public

Name: Shannon ORourke

Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 12:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a short term rental host since 2016, I rely on the earnings from renting out my home to survive in Los Angeles. I am a freelance TV producer and do not have full time work. The income from renting out my home allows me to work and live in Los Angeles. I have a stellar record of 4.89 review on Airbnb. I rent my house out less than 120 days per year. Additionally, when guests rent out my home, my neighborhood makes money. My guests visit local grocery stores, restaurants, and other activities in Los Feliz which in turns helps local businesses stay afloat. Please do not allow the hotel lobby to eliminate this income for me. Otherwise I will be forced to sell my property and move away from Los Angeles as it is too expensive. Current interest rates and home costs prevent me from maintaining my work and livelihood in Los Angeles if I am forced to move as a result of this proposed motion. Not being able to rent out my home will have a very negative snowball effect on my finances and could even result in my being homeless. Thank you for your consideration, Shannon ORourke

Communication from Public

Name: Connie Christie

Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 12:20 PM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: It is insane to require STR to get a police permit for so many reasons! To begin with I am a senior citizen only able to remain in my house because I can STR out a room in my home. The LA Home Sharing registration is expensive and so outrageously cumbersome, actually broken and so stressful. I can't imagine being forced to go through that for a police permit. Why would I need a police permit? I am not running a brothel and dealing drugs. I am simply trying to retain a home for myself as I age. Also, I was a massage therapist when we were treated like second class citizen and needed a police permit and medical proof that we were not infected. That was barbaric and eventually sanity reigned. Please do not take us back to those days.

Communication from Public

Name: The Valley Industry & Commerce Association

Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 05:27 PM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: November 6, 2023 The Honorable Members of Los Angeles City Council Los Angeles City Hall 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, CA, 90012 RE: Council File Number 22-0822-S2 Dear Councilmembers, The Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA) would like to express our concerns regarding certain provisions within the proposed ordinance 22-0822-S2. This ordinance aims to mandate that hotels and short-term rental providers obtain an annual police permit. We believe that this requirement is not aligned with the primary objective of the law and may lead to potential conflicts between two permitting systems, ultimately having adverse effects on both the tourism industry and residents' rights. The typical application of a police permit pertains to traditional brick-and-mortar businesses, many of which possess police or fire alarms, requiring fingerprints, background checks, and annual fees. Implementing such a requirement would undoubtedly create a chilling and intimidating effect on homeowners who occasionally rent out spare rooms in their residences to travelers or visitors. It is crucial to recognize that the proposed law is likely to negatively impact various communities, including people of color, who may be hesitant to interact with law enforcement to host visitors in their primary residences. Furthermore, it may discourage residents from diverse backgrounds from supplementing their income by occasionally renting out their homes. Therefore, we strongly urge the removal of "Section 4" altogether, focusing law enforcement resources on the protection of our community, and encouraging public input before the full council hearing. Victor Berrellez Stuart Waldman VICA Chair VICA President



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VICA Chair

Stuart Waldman
VICA President

Communication from Public

Name: Edna Barnston

Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 06:00 PM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: I am against the new requirements for police permit . Not need for that at a residential area !!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Ed Colman

Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 09:53 PM

Council File No: 22-0822-s2

Comments for Public Posting: I strenuously object to the provision in the current proposal that would require legally permitted Hosts to obtain a police permit. L.A. ALREADY has a robust registration and permit process for home sharing, hammered out after 4 years of public hearings, meetings, and debate. There have been no such deliberations here. The only 'input' this last-minute backroom deal had was from the hotels and the hotel worker's union. The city needs to focus on effectively enforcing and administering the existing law instead of adding more and more restrictions. For example, my wife and I share a legally permitted guest room in our home in Venice of more than 40 years. We registered our guest room and obtained our permit on day one in 2018, and successfully renewed it every year until now. I applied for the renewal of my permit 4 months ago and it is still Pending. We have had no response from Housing or Host Compliance as to why this is taking so long and when it might be approved, other than "It's a computer glitch". Seriously? A 4-month-long glitch? There is no reason to lump independent Hosts who share a room in their private homes with public gun dealers, pawn shops, and hotels. We are not open to the public. The comparison would be laughable if it didn't endanger thousands of hard-working people, many of whom depend on the income from home-sharing for their survival. This proposal has NOTHING to do with home sharing. Making us get police permission to conduct legal activities in our private homes won't add a single rental unit to the market and will have no impact on the homeless crisis. It won't make our streets any safer, nor will it improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. It will only burden the already overworked police department with thousands of new permit applications, and Hosts with invasive new requirements. There is absolutely NO reason for this other than as an assault on Hosts' livelihood inserted at the behest of the hotel lobby and hotel workers' union, which has been trying to eliminate home-sharing all along. I urge you to vote to remove this proposed requirement and keep the police out of the process.

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara A. Hill

Date Submitted: 11/06/2023 11:23 PM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: As responsible citizens of Los Angeles, we should not have to get another permit (from LAPD) besides getting and paying for the City of Los Angeles Home-Sharing Certificate in order to short term rent a portion of our home! As a retired teacher from LAUSD living on a pension, I need the extra income in order to live, maintain our home, and pay taxes. Please do not include Short Term Home-Sharing Rentals in this motion!