

Communication from Public

Name: Victor Ujadughele

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Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I am writing to you as a dedicated member of the Los Angeles business community, a provider of mid-term rental accommodations, and a participant in the vibrant ecosystem that short-term rentals have created in our city. The new proposed regulation requiring police permits for hotels and short-term rental hosts presents a significant operational challenge. This measure adds complexity and could inadvertently stifle the growth of small businesses that contribute to the local economy. Our business not only offers travelers a unique and personalized stay but also supports the city's tourism industry. We have always strived to comply with existing regulations, maintaining the balance between a welcoming atmosphere for visitors and a peaceful community for residents. We appreciate the City Council's efforts to ensure safety and order. However, I urge the council to consider the substantial administrative burden this ordinance imposes on small businesses. The additional requirement for a police permit, coupled with the existing home-sharing registration, can become a deterrent for law-abiding hosts who play by the rules. I request the council to:

1. Provide clear, actionable information on how these permits will be implemented and maintained.
2. Consider the impact on hosts who have consistently demonstrated their commitment to upholding the law and contributing positively to the community.
3. Engage in a dialogue with short-term rental hosts to find a mutually beneficial path forward that ensures safety without hindering the growth and operations of responsible rental businesses.

Short-term rentals are not merely businesses; they are a crucial part of the city's fabric, providing flexible housing options and contributing to the local economy. As such, they deserve a regulatory approach that recognizes their unique contribution. We stand ready to collaborate on solutions that uphold the city's interests without compromising the viability of our businesses. I hope our voices will be heard and considered in the council's deliberations. Respectfully, Victor Ujah

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Name: Edward Colman
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Comments for Public Posting: Edward Colman I strenuously object to the provision in this proposal that would require legally permitted Hosts to obtain a Police permit. L.A. ALREADY has a robust registration and permitting process for legal 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 workers union. The city needs to focus on effectively enforcing and administering the existing law instead of adding new restrictions. For example, my wife and I share a permitted guest room in our home. We got our permit on day one in 2018 and renewed it every year since. I applied for this year's renewal in July - it is still Pending. We have had no response from 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? This is a common story now. This proposal has NOTHING to do with home sharing. How can you lump private Hosts with public Hotels? WE ARE NOT HOTELS! The comparison would be laughable if it didn't endanger thousands of hard-working people, many of whom depend on income from home-sharing for their survival. Making us get Police permission to conduct legal activities in our private residences 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 NO reason for this other than an assault on Hosts' livelihood inserted at the behest of the Hotel lobby and the hotel workers union. I urge you to remove Home-sharing from this ordinance and keep the police out of the process.

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Name: Sixto Siciia

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Comments for Public Posting: Concilmember Krekorian. You state in your Los Angeles Times interview.. "Irresponsible hotel and short-term rental operators cannot be allowed to endanger the public safety..... etc. It is not within the scope of the law that you are criminating those who, as myself, are private law-abiding citizens who have an STR's. It is a great way to supplement my income at a time when inflation and taxes are killing us and because when I was in Europe as a student and an adult I spent time staying with locals where I learned so much about their culture and the cities where I stayed. This is one reason why I have an STR to offer others the same experience when staying at my house. DO not infringe on private citizens' lives. One cannot be grouped with Corporations or STR companies. Read the Supreme Court decision of 1905 on Hale vs Henkel Pages 74 and 75 where it defines that private citizens have constitutional rights not to be violated. And Soto-Martinez you should abstain from voting since you were an Organizer for Unite Here and you are biased. I am tired of all the "abuse" of the city council extending their arms into my rights as a private citizen. You cannot group us in one bucket with corporations and registered companies. And if you are grouping us with AIRBNB, please do not. As the Supreme Court decision below states: "His power to contract is unlimited." Referring to the individual private citizen. Hale vs Henkel (Pages 74 and 75) Excerpt reads: 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. His rights are such as existed by the law of the land long antecedent to the organization of the State, and can only be taken from him by due process of law, and in accordance with the Constitution. Among his rights are a refusal to incriminate himself, and the immunity of himself and his property from arrest or seizure except under a warrant of the law. He owes nothing to the public so lohg as he does not trespass upon their rights. .Upon the other hand, the corporation is a creature of the State. It is presumed to be incorporated for the benefit of the public. It receives certain

special privileges and franchises, and holds them subject to the laws of the State and the limitations of its charter. Its powers are limited by law. You keep restricting those who can. Pretty soon, the City will not have any \$\$\$ in its coffers from people leaving the city in for profit. And as far as the Home Sharing planning department. I finally got an answer today, November 7th, to a question asked on August 24th of this year. What type of game is this? See attached.

Re: Extending my Home-Sharing permit #HSR22-002242

 Planning Home-Sharing
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To:  | sixtojsicilia@gmail.com

Date: Nov 7, 2023, 06:49

Review the certificate you received after completing the extended Home-Sharing registration process. It will show your new expiration date.

On Thu, Aug 24, 2023 at 11:51 AM Planning Home-Sharing <planning.home-sharing@lacity.org> wrote:

Effective July 1, 2023, City Planning fees will increase by 4.9% based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U). You can view the updated Fee Schedule [here](#).

Home-Sharing is currently experiencing a high volume of emails and phone calls.

Reply Planning Home-Sharing

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Comments for Public Posting: We are against any form regulations that complicates the management of rentals properties Why complicating an already complex situation Sounds like a step towards a police state Let us hosts work in peace and generate revenues for our communities No need you throwing at us more regulation and creating new obstacles It is already complicate enough any person that books is already screened through all the different sites. What else do you need!!!