

Communication from Public

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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. 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. No one can walk in off the street and rent our guest room. All guests are by our invitation only. 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.