

Communication from Public

Name: Ana

Date Submitted: 11/28/2023 09:44 AM

Council File No: 22-0822-S2

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly object to the ordinance that would require short term leases in private apartments to register with the police. As a source of income for a retired person which is already subject to city taxes, registering with the police would likely bring more fees and continue to whittle away at an important source of income for me in my older years. I see no point to this ordinance other than to weigh down on renters of individual, short term rentals and extract more fees from those of us who depend on this income for daily expenses of living. In addition it will likely cut back on people willing to rent their units part time further affecting the LA County housing crisis. Finally, traveling nurses and university students that come to LA for short periods of time will also have less options to rent. Please vote no on this ordinance to require Air B and B, VRBO, and Furnished Finders units to register with the police.

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Name: Mary Morano

Date Submitted: 11/28/2023 10:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear council members, I am one of the Airbnb short term hosts who follows the rules. I've been registered since day one. What I earn from Airbnb has enabled my son and I to stay in our home and neighborhood after my husband died. We need it. I don't understand why hosts like me are being subjected to this police permit issue. To me it is super weird that Airbnb Hosts are being criminalized for hosting people in their own homes. That's what a police permit implies. It's insulting and depressing. Boarding homes have been part of American history and culture for generations. That's what we are. We are not hotels. Hotels have hundreds of rooms. I understand that there are some people who are flouting the rules and not registering with the city when they do short-term rentals. Well, I don't like that either and I think that's where the focus should be instead on those of us who are legally operating their rentals out of their own home. Please get us out of this argument between the hotels and the unions. I pay a retiree \$50 per hour to clean my Airbnb. That's not too bad. They need to work their own stuff out without dragging us into it. To sum up, the city should spend time enforcing the home sharing ordinance that already exist. That's enough work to do without adding more bureaucracy and punishing the people who are already doing the right thing. Thanks for your time and please vote the right way.

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Name: Steve Hirsh

Date Submitted: 11/28/2023 11:05 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm Steve Hirsh, a senior and I've been a short-term rental host for about five years. My wife and I absolutely depend on the income from our short-term rental to keep our home in Eagle Rock. Through the Los Angeles City Planning Home-Sharing division, the City already has a department that monitors and regulates short-term rental properties and hosts. Not very efficiently but, the department is working. There is no need to add the police department to the mix. It's another level of complexity and another fee to hosts (which at the last meeting I was here for was estimated at \$800). The hotel industry and "Unite Here 11" want to drag short term rental hosts into an ordinance that has nothing to do with us. Please, leave us out of it!

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Name: Heather Rozman
Date Submitted: 11/28/2023 12:58 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached letter from the Hotel Association of Los Angeles

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council File # 22-0822-S2

November 27, 2023

As a dedicated member of the vibrant Los Angeles hospitality community, the Hotel Association of Los Angeles (HALA) recognizes the importance of safeguarding our city's reputation as a premier travel destination. This proposed ordinance represents a compromise to address the hotel community's major concerns regarding the Unite Here Local 11 sponsored ballot measure that would force every LA hotel and our employees to effectively be the first line of care and response to the homelessness crisis, risking the safety and well-being of all involved.

Our endorsement of this compromise ordinance is contingent upon Unite Here Local 11 rescinding their ballot measure, a crucial step towards finding common ground that benefits both our local hotel industry and the broader Los Angeles community. On behalf of the over 117,000 dedicated hotel employees in Los Angeles, we would like to extend our gratitude to Council President Krekorian and his colleagues for navigating a path towards a better solution.

Significant concerns remain regarding the Police Permitting section of this ordinance, which may have unintended consequences and lead substantial strain on an already limited police budget.¹ ***It is our recommendation to align or even replace the Police Permitting provisions of this ordinance with a "Hotel Community Police Advisory Board" (HCPAB) under the existing LAPD's Partnerships for Community Policing programs.***² *"The purpose of a Community-Police Advisory Board ("C-PAB") is to build and maintain a partnership between the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the diverse residential and business communities of the LAPD Area that the CPAB represents. The ultimate goal of a C-PAB is to reduce the incidences and fear of crime; improve the quality of life; ensure the safe and expeditious flow of traffic; establish emergency preparedness; and create community engagement programs."*³

¹ LA Police Commission Report 11/21/23:

https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2022/22-0822-S2_rpt_bpc_11-20-2023.pdf

² Community-Police Advisory Boards est. in 1993 to provide info, opportunity and advice:

<https://www.lapdonline.org/office-of-the-chief-of-police/office-of-operations/c-pab/>

³ OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE - ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.5 April 3, 2019:

<https://lapdonlinestrgeacc.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/lapdonlinemedia/2021/05/CPAB-Admin-Order-No-5-2019.pdf>





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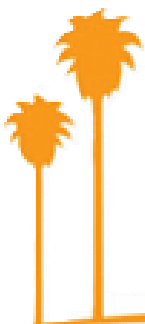
By endorsing this compromise ordinance, we affirm our commitment to fostering a thriving hotel community in Los Angeles, which provides thousands of well-paying careers, generates millions of tax dollars to support the region and drives billions of dollars in economic activity. This legislation, while not perfect, ensures that our industry can continue to provide excellent careers and significant economic benefits to our iconic neighborhoods throughout the city.

In unity and collaboration, let us continue to work towards solutions that enhance our local hotel community, support our employees, and contribute to the prosperity of our beloved city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H Rozman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "H" being a large, stylized letter.

Heather Rozman, President & CEO
Hotel Association of Los Angeles



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Name: Sharon Hersko

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Name: Anita

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Comments for Public Posting: 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 – which would force residents to go to the LAPD for permission to share their own home – are being rushed through to a Council vote without any public input from the people who will be impacted. This ill-conceived bureaucratic overreach will significantly burden thousands of Angelenos like me. Please don't add even more hurdles for this crucial service that helps me and so many other Angelenos make ends meet.

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Name: Marina Drabkin

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Comments for Public Posting: Creating additional bureaucratic barriers for STR hosts will NOT make the community safer. If passed, this law will further burden the strained LAPD resources. It will create confusion and complicate the already inefficient STR permitting process. It will drive people to black market rentals to avoid red tape. Ultimately if passed this law will cause a reduction in income from TOT, because the bar of compliance is so high that it will squeeze STR out of the market. City resources should be used to deter everyday general street crime, street robberies, home invasions, and other more relevant problems that plague our city. We want a safe place where travelers feel safe and want to spend their time and money. Instead of focusing on how to become more attractive to the world by offering a beautiful SAFE destination, we're focusing on how to complicate and strain already difficult STR hosts daily struggles.

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Name: Christine Hine

Date Submitted: 11/27/2023 11:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have a short term rental - I pay all required permit fees, additional night fees on platforms other than Airbnb, my guests pay occupancy tax, I have an alarm permit - In other words I pay a lot for the "privilege" to rent out part of my 45 years occupied Los Angeles home to supplement my merger social security. To continue taxing or adding additional permit fees will force an alternative either selling the home I love so much or just renting long term and avoid all these other fees - a savings for me - a loss for you. All this seems counter intuitive to me that the city is potentially looking at this as a means to other ends. Please reconsider

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Name: William Wittekind

Date Submitted: 11/28/2023 01:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To Whom it May Concern, I am a short term rental host because it is the only way I am able to pay for the mortgage and overhead for my home. The process of getting a home sharing license is already burdensome and expensive. I do not support requiring home sharing rental hosts also get a Police Permit. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, William Wittekind

Communication from Public

Name: Coach Lee

Date Submitted: 11/28/2023 08:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am registered with the City of Los Angeles Home Sharing and have a current permit. I oppose to this new LAPD permit because I live in a multi dwelling building in which parties are forbidden and we have HOA Rules & Regulations in place already that requires all Airbnb guests to acknowledge, agree and comply to. That being said, all multi dwelling buildings should be exempt from this permit...STR is NOT a HOTEL!

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Name: Jason Vogel

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Comments for Public Posting: People who do home sharing are LA city residents, constituents, homeowners, activists, organizers and vested in the community. I'm a former member of the Hollywood Studio District ANC. We oppose this burdensome proposal to get a police license. We are already regulated and taxed. Most of us also pay an alarm fee and many other taxes. There is no reason to put this cumbersome requirement on homeowners and the LAPD. I OPPOSE the requirement to register home sharing with the LAPD.

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Name: Lee Casa

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Comments for Public Posting: To my understanding the city is thinking about implementing police permits to those who participate in STR's. As an established STR host of 3 years, I firmly believe that this is totally unnecessary and will only threaten the business financially. I understand that this permit is trying to deter guests from throwing house parties (and I get that) but it is unfair to penalize hosts who has smaller properties (ie condo units/private rooms, etc). Furthermore, a Home-Sharing Ordinance is already in place in which all STR hosts must adhere to by registering their home annually with the City of Los Angeles Home Sharing. Therefore, I oppose to this permit!

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Name: Tosh
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Comments for Public Posting: I feel this permit is unnecessary for multi dwelling building Home Sharing.

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Name: Elissa Diaz

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Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon Council President Krekorian and City Council members. My name is Elissa Diaz, Senior Public Policy Manager for the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce representing over 1,400 members, including small businesses. I will be writing about agenda item 32, regarding the Los Angeles Responsible Hotel Ordinance. The Chamber is concerned with the provisions (Section 4) requiring the obtaining of a police permit which would be an incredibly onerous process and an additional layer of bureaucracy. Police permits traditionally apply to fixed establishments with specific security measures, not to temporary lodging setups. Abruptly introducing such stringent requirements could strain lodging operators economically, discouraging future endeavors and limiting visitor accommodation choices. Moreover, this requirement may be burdensome to small business hotel operators who do not have control over bad actors. Lastly, we are concerned with the potential impact and effects on residents from diverse backgrounds, including communities of color who may be reluctant to be forced to engage with law enforcement just to welcome guests. Thank you for your time and consideration.