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Dear Councilmembers:

We ask that you AMEND Ordinance No 188072 to remove the requirement of Police Permits for Primary Residence STRs:

- No reason has been given as to why they are necessary.
- Housing and Planning have not submitted reports as requested by Council on 11-28-23.
- The CID itself has recommended you consider an alternate proposal.

No reason has been cited as to why there is a need for a police permit for an STR, nor any indication of what it will accomplish. Per the ordinance, Home-Sharing is considered an accessory use to a residential use which is very different from hotels and motels which are commercial businesses that anyone is able to walk in off the street and book a room. Short-term guests must register on the platform, have ID and contact info verified, and pre-pay for their stay before being given the location and access to the premises.

After passing the RHO on 11-28-23, the Council requested a report back within 45 days from the Chief Legislative Analyst, Los Angeles Housing Department, and Department of City Planning regarding potential alternatives to a police permit for Short-term Rentals. To date, there have been no reports received from these entities.

The Los Angeles Police Commission Investigation Division said in a report to planning that the "CID is responsible for the processing, investigation, issuance, and enforcement of more than 60 different police permits. CID would be tasked with implementing and enforcing the permit requirements found within the RHO. Preliminary research conducted by CID has identified that such a task would strain resources significantly, have limited effectiveness, be costly to the City of Los Angeles ("City"), and largely duplicate current tasks performed by Planning. It is the recommendation of CID, that the council respectfully consider an alternate proposal."

Given that it is supposed to go into effect in less than a month and is nowhere near ready, that you have not received the requested reports from the relevant city departments, and that the department you have tasked with carrying this out has stated that it will largely duplicate current tasks already being performed by Planning, you would be less than responsible in moving forward with this.

Sincerely,

Coni Lancaster

HALA Member