

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Submitting the attached letter on behalf of the EAA Union Board of Governors. See attached. The Engineers and Architects Association (EAA) represents nearly 6,000 members in over 40 departments in the City of Los Angeles. EAA stands opposed to expanding vacation rentals into secondary homes as the Mayor instructs in items 13 and 14 of Exhibit H in the FY 27 Proposed Budget. Opening secondary homes to short-term rental services, like Air BNB, risks a rapid erosion of the City's rental housing stock, already severely insufficient to meet the city's rental housing demand. Eroding the rental housing market risks fueling housing crises where 54 percent of the unhoused population found homeless due to economic circumstances alone as opposed to mental illness or drug dependence. Our members' preference for telecommuting is a consequence of the lack of available housing in the City we serve. Los Angeles has the highest housing cost burden of any major U.S. city. Many of our members can no longer afford local rents, forcing them into grueling commutes from outside city limits. Reducing available long-term rental housing stock only worsens this displacement and necessitates the telecommuting policies our members rely on for viability. Freezing out City workers and renters from available rental units to increase revenue is not an acceptable trade off. Rather than cannibalizing the Los Angeles rental housing stock, the City should increase funding for housing investigators to enforce existing short term rental ordinances. Revenue generated from penalties on illegal listings would likely exceed the projected taxes from expansion all while protecting the integrity of our neighborhoods.



# ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION

May 21, 2026

Mayor Bass  
Los Angeles City Council  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, 90012  
CC:

RE: EAA Letter Short-Term Rental Indecent Proposal (CF 18-1246; CF 25-0029-S1; and CF 26-0600)

Dear Honorable Mayor Bass and City Council,

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Respectful submitted on behalf of the EAA Board of Governors,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Fonseca', is positioned above the printed name.

Marleen Fonseca  
Executive Director, EAA