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5 February 2018

Hon. Jose Huizar, Chair; Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Mitchell Englander, Curren Price, Jr., and Bob Blumenfield, Members, Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: *CF-1635-S2 – Proposed Home Sharing (Short Term Rentals) Ordinance;*
Item 3 on 2/6/18 PLUM Committee meeting agenda

Dear Chair Huizar and Members of the PLUM Committee:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a coalition of all 13 neighborhood and community councils in Council Districts 5 and 11. A supermajority of WRAC members (10 of 13) supports adoption of certain “essential provisions” in connection with any proposed City ordinance allowing short term rentals in presently prohibited zones, including:

- 1) **Establishment of an annual cap on the number of nights per host for short term rentals;** although WRAC members have taken varying positions on the actual number for the annual cap, we support the basic principle that such a cap should apply to *all hosts*; i.e., provision should not be made, via a CUP or other process, for individual hosts to receive permission to exceed the established annual cap.
- 2) **Requirement of proof of primary residence plus liability insurance for this specific use** (examples of proof of primary residence shall include utility bill, driver license and the like); WRAC members do not support “self-certification” of residence, which the City Planning Dept. has concluded may lead to “significant fraud and abuse” (CPC “Report Back” to PLUM Committee, 1/11/18, p. 7).
- 3) **Requirement that short term rental TOT receipts NOT go into the General Fund,** but instead be used to create a special enforcement/compliance unit specific to enforcing regulation of short term rentals.

To the extent the PLUM Committee is considering amendments to the currently proposed ordinance that might be contrary to our position on these essential provisions as indicated above, WRAC expresses its strong opposition. We strongly oppose any amendments that would allow individual hosts to: exceed the annual cap; or self-certify residency. We also oppose any diversion of TOT receipts to the General Fund or any diversion of the currently proposed allocation for enforcement of this ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Fitzsimmons".

Doug Fitzsimmons
Chair, Westside Regional Alliance of Councils
President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

cc:

Hon. Paul Koretz, Councilmember, CD 5

Hon. Mike Bonin, Councilmember, CD 11

Hon. Herb Wesson, Council President, CD 10

Hon. David Ryu, Councilmember, CD 4

Zina Cheng, Legislative Assistant, **w/request for filing in CF 14-1635-S2**