The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

10/21/20

Community Impact Statement

Re: Council File: 18-1246 - Vacation Rentals in Non-Primary Homes / Ordinance

Position: Oppose

Dear Councilmembers,

We, the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council (EHNC) oppose Council File 18-1246. During a historic housing crisis and pandemic that has exacerbated housing access, the City should not allow AirBNB and other home-sharing services to expand operations. By chopping its widespread effort to legalize home-sharing into three smaller actions, the City is distorting the environmental consequences of its effort and circumventing informed decision-making under the California Environmental Quality Act.

So too, the City has failed to sufficiently analyze, identify, and mitigate cumulative impacts resulting from the VRO and related City efforts to unduly loosen its Code to legalize home-sharing activities across the City. The HSO, VRO, and HSO/RSO amendment essentially remove roughly 42,000 units that would otherwise be available to provide long term housing—which is more than the 36,571 shortfall of very low-, low-, and moderate-income units need for the City to meet its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (“RHNA”) obligations.

Sincerely,
East Hollywood Neighborhood Council

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