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From: Eric Hoffman [mailto:ericbdutch@icloud.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 8:02 AM  
To: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS  
Subject: What problem is the Social Host Ordinance attempting to solve?

Dear El Segundo City Council,

Thanks to Chris Pimentel's thoughtful and pragmatic Op-Ed in the Herald last week I became aware of the latest on the Social Host Ordinance you will be reviewing and possibly voting on this evening. I recall hearing about it earlier this year but apparently lost track of the issue over the summer.

I’d like to share my perspective and opinion. It is unclear from everything I have been able to read online (including the full text of the ordinance) what problem this ordinance seeks to address. It honestly feels more like something that El Segundo suddenly felt like it had to go-along with since Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and PV had all passed similar ordinances recently. Interestingly, a few weeks ago after the public became more aware of a similar measure in Redondo Beach, the mayor vetoed the ordinance based on public opinion, existing laws and I would also suggest common sense. El Segundo should do the same.

I agree with Chris Pimentel that this ordinance is completely unnecessary. Perhaps it is my European upbringing that gives me a different perspective of how and when alcohol can be introduced in the home. In this regard I am speaking specifically about a situation where a parent seeks to educate their children about alcohol in a controlled environment. Criminalizing or otherwise punishing responsible parenting in the home will likely have the effect of pushing this behavior into public places, the streets or worse, cars.

I recommend a no vote on this regulation or if needed more public dialogue to ensure our community fully understands who is sponsoring the ordinance, the rationale behind it and the implications of adding it to the municipal code.

Thank you,

Eric Hoffman
Harada, Patricia

From: Shilling, Mona
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 8:43 AM
To: Harada, Patricia
Cc: Sandoval, Lili; Whalen, Bill (Chief of Police); Mendoza, Carlos (Captain)
Subject: FW: Against the Social Host Ordnance

Patricia,

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From: James Novak [mailto:jayno78@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 16, 2018 11:37 AM
To: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS
Subject: Against the Social Host Ordnance

City Council,

I want to take this opportunity to voice my support for Chris Pimentel's position in the 13 Sept. El Segundo Herald AGAINST the proposed social host ordnance. I agree with his approach to assessing issues with facts and with a mind to preserve freedom. Parents (like myself) can handle our children without this unnecessary, unhelpful intrusion into our private lives.

Please focus your time and resources on resolving issues like addressing the city's ever-growing CALPERS pension liability and increasing security at our schools (i.e. fast tracking projects for more secure reception areas, fencing, etc.).

Sincerely,
James Novak
El Segundo Resident
Patricia

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From: Paul Lanyi [mailto:paul@bluepen.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2018 2:53 PM
To: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS
Subject: Social Host ordinance vote tonight

Hello,

At the last City Council meeting where the Social Host ordinance was discussed at your request by Chief Whalen at length, we walked away understanding that there would be a second reading tonight and then most likely a vote.

Now, it has come to my attention that it may be pulled from the agenda in order to allow those in opposition to review and respond. We have had this item on the agenda multiple times. As directed by City Council, this was reviewed publicly.

What more is needed to take this to vote? Chief Whalen and community members did exactly what we were asked to do. What more do you want/need?

Please advise.

Thank you,

Paul

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From: Jamin Griffiths [mailto:jamingriffiths@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 1:23 PM
To: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS
Subject: Social Host Ordinance

Hello,

As a resident of El Segundo I urge you to vote against the social host ordinance as it is currently written. I agree with Chris Pimentel's op-ed in the Herald. He made some very good points about the flaws in the ordinance. I understand the good intentions behind it, however, why even leave open the possibility for responsible parents to get penalized?

Furthermore, the fines assessed, while lowered from the original draft are still excessive to those in the community who live paycheck to paycheck. While the middle class is being driven out of El Segundo by higher rents and home prices, ordinances like these exemplify how some of those in the community are out of touch with people who are working hard to just get by each month.

Thank you,

Jamin Griffiths
El Segundo resident