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To: Weaver, Tracy (City Clerk); Allen, Michael; Schonborn, Eduardo
Subject: RE: Contact the Planning Commission

From: kristin van heuven <kristinvanheuven@gmail.com>
Date: October 25, 2022 at 6:01:58 PM PDT
To: rbaldino@elsegundoccb.org
Cc: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>
Subject: Contact the Planning Commission

Hi Ryan -

I understand this Thursday October 27th the planning commission will be considering whether to allow permanent home sharing in El Segundo and formulate a recommendation to city council. I spoke to you a bit about this at Bill and Carol Watkin's meet and greet, sharing that my husband and I have been home sharing through Airbnb since 2016. We have since registered with a permit number, business license, and pay our TOT every month for the duration of this pilot program. It has been a very smooth process.

We spoke about how Airbnb can actually streamline the process with the city, should the city work with them, thus allowing Airbnb to collect the TOT and also set the listings of whole homes to 30+ days and not short term. As I understand it, this automation would eliminate the need to pay a company such as Granicus for compliance monitoring and enforcement, thus allowing the TOT collection to be more profitable for the city. Malibu and Santa Monica both work with Airbnb to collect TOT, below is the link to the Malibu site for more information.

<https://www.malibucity.org/322/Transient-Occupancy-Tax-TOT>

We sincerely hope the Planning Commission recommendations to City Council are to continue home sharing in El Segundo, and that City Council continue the program. As I understand it, there have been virtually no complaints since the pilot program was implemented last October.

Unfortunately we will be out of town on Thursday so will not be able to make it to the meeting.

Respectfully,

Kristin and Chris Van Heuven

Farias, Jazmin

2022-10-27 PC AGENDA
PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS RELATED TO ITEM H3- HOME SHARING

From: Believe Fitness Studio <believfitness1@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 1:09 PM
To: Planning
Subject: Oct 27th 2022 Item #3

I would like to thank the city of El Segundo for allowing the pilot program for STR, I have live in town since 1999 and now the STR is the why I can pay my montage. Please take in consideration to make it permanent.

Dana Mc Atee



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Farias, Jazmin

From: Carrie Becks <carriebecks@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 2:17 PM
To: Planning
Subject: Please Read at counsel meeting item 3. The pilot for STR is working, for the city and for the guests and hosts

Dear City of El Segundo,

My name is Carrie Becks and I've been a host for over 12 years at 322 Loma vista street and have had over 5000 guests and never had a problem or noise or neighbors calling police. I vet my guests and have many rules that are always enforced. **I am writing in favor of Short term rentals to continue in El Segundo. Party houses are NOT the model for airbnb and we good host are providing safe places for family members of residents to stay and workers that commute to El Segundo. We now pay the TOT tax so there is money coming to the city and the city is regulating who can host. We have lost over a half of the short term rentals and the city residents need options for their family members to visit If the city doesn't allow the continuation of Short term rentals, I will be forced to sell my home. My Short term rental is the only income I have and I provide safe accommodations for guests and an option for them. They eat, shop and enjoy our city. I am almost exclusively renting to family members that visit El Segundo residents.**

As I've said before I host family's of El Segundo residents, grandparents waiting for children to be born, medical students, patients coming to LA for treatment, Airport employees, LA times employees, Raytheon contracted workers, visitors that want to visit the beach and wonderful travelers from all over the world. So many company's only hire contracted workers now so people must come from all areas of California to work. I have several regular guests that live in San Diego that work at Raytheon and a producer for the LA times new station. These people eat out, shop, bike, go to the beach and enjoy our city because they don't have large kitchens and eat out. They are good for our city. They are not party people.

This is how the world is changing and connecting. I have met the most wonderful people from all over and I provide a great service to residents in the area hosting their family's as 99% of the hosts in El segundo do.

This is how people travel now. This is how the world is changing for the better.

Warmly,
Carrie

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Farias, Jazmin

From: Robbin Wood <robbin@rockwoodcapitalgroup.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 4:00 PM
To: Planning
Subject: October 27th Item #3 - Permanently allow STRs in El Segundo

Good day to all in the planning department!

I am a property owner in El Segundo and have lived here for 53 years and I would like to provide some personal insight on our current STR situation.

Besides the fact that STRs generate revenue for the city, they are life savers to many. I have used the AirBnB platform to rent out our guest space for about five years and it has been a game changer due to the extra income we receive. I personally use the money we receive to pay for my son's day care at Beach Babies which is super pricey. It also has had a huge impact for the person I contract with for cleaning as she has applied for disability but has yet to receive it and this is her only income. STRs have been a god-send for our family and others and I ask that you recommend to City Council to permanently allow home sharing in El Segundo.

Warm regards,

Robbin Wood

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Farias, Jazmin

From: Alexis Chase <elmadmel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 6:03 AM
To: Planning
Subject: Item # 3

Hi, my name is Alexis Chase and I am a frequent guest of Carrie Becks at 322 Loma Vista, El Segundo CA. I stay at her Airbnb three times a year. I am writing this email from Germany as I originally come from Europe, and Airbnb is the only way to travel in modern times. I've traveled the world, and throughout the United States but Carrie's place is my absolute favorite OF ALL Airbnb's I've ever stayed at, and the primary reason for it is the family community of El Segundo. I love being in the neighborhood, the shops the ocean, the best restaurants in the world... and Carrie's place is absolutely fantastic! I can cook, and it is truly my "home away from home". Throughout the past 4 years Carrie I have a privilege of calling Carrie my friend. We enjoy dinners together and I frequently meet her other tenants who are the nicest family people, enjoying the wonderful community.

I am 100% in favor of short-term rentals as it provides a wonderful opportunity to experience the neighborhood as they will in their own home. I bike to the ocean, I meet new people, and without Carrie's place I don't know where I would be. The connections I make carry me through the year, and I look forward to my next time in El Segundo because I have an Airbnb to come back to.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak up in behalf of defending the short term rentals.

Sincerely,
Alexis Chase,
Northfield CT

Farias, Jazmin

From: Aleksandra Arnatskaya <Aleksandra.arnatskaya@usc.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 6:11 AM
To: Planning
Subject: October 27th keeping short-term rentals

Hello everyone,

Some time ago my family friends came down to El Segundo to explore LA and give two of their children the opportunity to learn how to surf. El Segundo is so close to one of the best surf spots in California - El Porto. It's very uncomfortable to stay in the hotel when you travel with children or elderly people. There is no place to cook/ follow a special diet and enjoy family dinners. Also, when people come to surf, they cannot store their rental surfboards or dry their wetsuits in hotel rooms. There are no hotels that are within walking distance to our beach. I think that when we have guests that are renting Airbnb they bring a lot of money to our small coffee shops and private restaurants. Also, people have a chance to learn about our community. Some of the people need it when they think about moving to our city for their children to go to El Segundo school. You cannot get this experience when you stay in the hotel. There are many more reasons why I would like to ask you to keep short-term rentals in our great El Segundo!

Thank you!

From: Violet Killy <violetkilly@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 12:40 PM
To: Planning
Subject: 10/27/22 Meeting: Item 3

I would like the following to be read into the record:

"Hello,

My name is Violet Killy, and I recently moved to the area for a job at the Aerospace Corporation. I am writing in favor of short-term rentals continuing in El Segundo. I started at Aerospace as an intern last summer, while finishing my Master's degree at MIT. Due to COVID, I learned last minute that I would be interning in person, and would need to quickly find housing across the country. I found Carrie Becks' Loma Vista home share on Airbnb, and ended up living with her for the summer after a thorough vetting process. As someone from out of state who had to scramble for temporary housing, I can't stress enough how much peace of mind the home share option brought me. I was brand new to the area, and so grateful to have a safe, clean space and wonderful company during my stay. Having stayed for multiple months, I had the pleasure of meeting and mingling with many of the guests who stayed in Carrie's units. They were always vetted prior to staying, and I never found them anything other than respectful, quiet, and kind people looking for a home base while they commuted for work events or explored El Segundo.

I had an incredibly positive experience with the home share process, and it has since become my preferred way to travel. I think it's a wonderful means of meeting new people and lowering the barriers to seeing the world, and should remain an opportunity here in El Segundo. Homeowners can supplement their income, while providing families, workers, and travelers a safe and affordable means of enjoying the City of El Segundo.

Thank you."

From: Brian Brown <trueblueprotect@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 3:23 PM
To: Planning; Schonborn, Eduardo
Subject: 10-27-22. Item 3. El Segundo Planning Commission STR. Resident / property owner / airbnb proprietor response.

Please read my email comment into the record for today's meeting.

Hello,

My name is Brian Brown. I am the property owner of 955 and 957 Virginia Street, El Segundo. I occasionally rent out one of the properties on Airbnb.

I have been participating in the pilot program for the last year. Respectfully, I am requesting the City permanently allow home sharing. I am an honorably retired police officer and rely on my property as a primary source of income for my family.

I am a long time resident and property owner in El Segundo. I take meticulous care of my property and closely screen any prospective tenants and am very attentive to them during their stay. I direct all tenants to local El Segundo business for food, commerce and entertainment.

Currently the pilot program allows an owner to use just one property for airbnb. I respectfully request that the rules be amended to at least two properties as I own a duplex and am only allowed to use one of my units. This is greatly affecting my income and is also taking money away from the city in the form of additional taxes and tourist revenue.

Thank you for your consideration.