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Dear City Council Members, Community Development,

The issue of the council's proposed STR ordinance has been debated long, hard and often enough! The proposed ordinance which had its first vote on January 27th, should simply have its second and unmodified FINAL vote on February 10th. The residents in my neighborhood are beyond fatigue, and any change or further delay only increases our anger with the inability of the council to function in a coherent manner.

We, full-time, residents in the older hillside residential neighborhoods, suffer a disproportionate share of the problems that STR's create. We have repeatedly written and spoken to you of these problems. With our narrow streets, crumbling infrastructure and limited parking it is obvious to us, and at least, has been on occasion, obvious to you, that **mitigating** the fire issues in the **Very High** and **High Fire** zones here in the city by prohibiting **all** STR's in these zones, is a modest and sane position. The noise, inconsiderate, rude and fire ignorant behavior of some STR guests is simply icing on the cake. We have come before you time and time again for the last 3 years and explained to you that especially, in **Very High** and **High Fire** zones, STR's pose an unacceptable risk. Very High and High Fire zone residential neighborhoods are not the place for this type of rental activity.

Any modification to the first reading of the proposed ordinance only suggests undue and possibly illegal influence exerted on council members. A change in the ordinance is certainly not compliant with the wishes of the great majority of city residents. If, in the opinion of current STR owners (especially those who do not reside in the city), the city does not have sufficient hotel space, perhaps they should sell their properties and invest in the hotel industry.

Grandfathering existing STR's or modifying the ordinance with a "Hosted" definition, defeats the purpose of **mitigating risk** in these zones, and mitigating risk was the entire purpose of the State's creation of hazardous fire zones.

Please review the attached images.

As recent as this past weekend, during a neighbor's party, Emergency Services were called. With multiple cars lining the street, the Emergency vehicles were unable to reach the house where they were needed. What would the congestion have looked like had there been a fire and panicked neighbors were trying to flee down the one road egress?

**No STR's in all Fire Hazard Zones!**

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