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From: Anthony Nemelka <anthonymemelka@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 8:00 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Pending STR ordinance

Re: Pending STR ordinance

Dear city council members,

I have read the draft STR ordinance, and I largely support it. But I think you are making one big mistake.

You have successfully transformed the city into a resort community, but one of the consequences is that many homes are becoming 2nd homes for people. Your proposed ordinance seems to be ignoring that--to the detriment of our community.

I have owned my home in south Huntington Beach near PCH since 1992. My children were born there. I have significantly upgraded the property over the years and spend as much time as I can there--as do my children who now live elsewhere. When the time comes, I will retire there. But for now, my work requires that I spend much of my time overseas. My time in Huntington Beach is often quite limited. It's like a vacation home for me right now.

My father in law, who was a doctor at Hoag, lived in a beautiful home on the bluffs overlooking Balboa Island—in the neighborhood known as Irvine Terrace. Stunning views. It was the quietest neighborhood I have ever visited. In fact, it was a ghost town. From what I could tell, most of the other homes on the bluff overlooking the ocean were empty most of the time. They were 2nd or 3rd homes of people whose work and lifestyle allowed infrequent visits. It was a shame that those homes were not being shared for others to enjoy while the owners were busy elsewhere. It is a very common lifestyle, and one that is becoming increasingly prevalent in Huntington Beach.

Please don't let our neighborhoods turn into ghost towns. Encourage people like myself to open up their vacation homes for others. Huntington Beach is a wonderful place, and the council should make it more accessible for large families to enjoy. In these trying times, STRs are the best option for anyone with a large family.

I love Huntington Beach. And I know you do too. Let's make sure it doesn't turn into the next residential ghost town.

I'd love to show you my place. I think you would be pleased by how it represents the future of the city. Please don't hesitate to call if you would like to arrange a visit.

My best wishes to you all. Thank you for what you have done to the city that I will always call home.

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From: Julie Kimmel <juliebimmel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:01 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: STR Ordinance #4224

Dear Council,

I am a 36 year resident of downtown Huntington Beach and have the following comments on the STR Ordinance #4224 that I understand is coming up for vote.

I am in strong favor of the provisions which grandfather in Sunset Beach for all STRs and allow hosted STRs in Huntington Beach, I am also in favor of the permit conditions and the fees.

HOWEVER, the ordinance should INCLUDE WHOLE home STRs NOW and NOT delay this inclusion.

I do not currently offer my home for either type of STR but I have recently retired after selling my business in Huntington Beach. I feel it is my right as a property owner to offer my home to guests when I am traveling and I would do so with care and responsibility with particular consideration for my neighbors who I know and have lived beside for many years. I do not understand why the assumption is that this could not be managed in all of Huntington Beach if it can be managed in Sunset Beach. Additionally, my home is one of my most valuable assets and you can be sure I will take care of it as I make it possible for guests to experience beautiful HB. I know they will spend more dollars in the city enjoying its restaurants and shopping than I do, another win for the city. I am sure I speak for other home owners as well.

I have a second home in La Quinta which I offer as a STR and that city, along with my HOA there, do a amazing job of managing the process and it is great revenue for La Quinta. So, I am experienced host on Airbnb and VRBO and feel I can speak here with knowledge. The platforms give us much ability to manage who we are allowing to book our property.

I can understand that there is a concern for corporate exploitation of the opportunity to invest in multiple whole house STRs. However the city would have the complete ability to control this as part of the permit process.

This CAN be done successfully. Allow WHOLE HOUSE STRs.

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