

Switzer, Donna

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:06 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Opposition to STRs in residential tracts

From: ALISON ANDREWS <amajpm@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:57 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Opposition to STRs in residential tracts

Dear HB City Council members:

I am writing to state my strong opposition to allowing short term rentals (STRs) in HB residential tracts. This is not what we signed up for when we purchased our home in SEHB four years ago. Please continue to ban them and have better enforcement. It is bad enough we have three sober living homes around the corner from our home, which is by a K-8 school. Now we face the prospect of further destruction of our quiet enjoyment of our home through potentially disruptive STRs. STRs may very well also increase the likelihood of sex offenders staying near homes with children and by schools and parks inside the residential tracts.

Thank you.

Alison Andrews

Huntington Beach, 92646

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Switzer, Donna

From: Alex Barton <werbarton@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 6:31 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Short Term Rental Regulations/economic recovery lifeline

Hello Huntington Beach City Council Members.

My husband and I have been proud homeowners in Huntington Beach for seven years. We have a family business here near Marina High School, with 60 employees. Before COVID, we used to host business partners from all over the US at The Hyatt, Hilton, and Shorebreak. Everyone that attended the weekends here loved Huntington Beach.

When we moved here, Pacific City was under construction, and it is one of the reasons we purchased our home in the downtown area. We attended many grand openings at Pacific City and continue to enjoy the center's many outdoor spaces. We enjoy walking to Main Street for the Tuesday market, eating at the restaurants, and walking the pier.

Our property is an older non-conforming parcel that would be perfect for short term rentals and not suitable for a full-time renter. My husband and I want to share Huntington Beach with travelers from all over the world. We especially want to share Huntington Beach's incredible beach city vibe with groups and families. Many of these travelers can't pay for the high hotel room costs and need more space when they visit.

We are experiencing a slow down at work due to the pandemic, and have had to make the hard decision to reduce pay for our entire team. This reduced pay worries us and has us wondering if we will continue to afford to stay in Huntington Beach. If the city allows short term rentals, our future here would be much more secure now and beyond.

Alex B.

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From: TJ Brown <tbrown@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:27 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Item 23

I would like to voice my complete opposition to item 23 on this evening's agenda. Short Term Rentals will devalue property values, exacerbate the poor parking in the city move the partying from downtown into our neighborhoods.

Homeowners wishing to rent their property should be held to the same standards of a commercial enterprise. Commercial cost for police and fire, insurance, and bed taxes should be paid by anyone who wants to run their home as an Inn or hotel. Steep fines should be imposed against anyone who does not register their house as a STR. While the STR folks would like some incremental income, the city should be charging AirBnB and the other online services used for this purpose to offset the cost of increased administrative and police overhead associated with this practice.

How is the city prepared to enforce new STR rules in this time of budget pressures? This practice will have an impact on city resources, look at what happens in L.A.!

Thomas Brown
19 year resident

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From: Claudine E. Burnett <claudineburnett@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 1:52 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Short term rentals
Attachments: B&B sign.jpg

Please listen to residents who live here. There is NOT increasing community support to approve short-term rentals...we have just been silent until now.

We live downtown in the 200 block of 8th Street and have 2 rentals directly across the street, between the 2 rentals a single woman lives. She was awoken one night by someone trying to break down her door. It turned out to be a drunken fellow who thought her house was the rental. She has since posted the sign I am attaching. Last week a renter had two dogs that would not stop barking. These are just a few incidents. Also, we have counted as many as 15 people using a rental.

The houses in downtown create a kind of canyon which amplifies noise. The people in the rentals congregate outside until all hours of the night with voices and music keeping us awake. A time for outside use should be established.

I would propose:

1. Set time limits of outdoor activities. 10 p.m. should be the cutoff time.
2. Limit the number of people to use a rental.
3. Keep the 30 day limit in effect now. It permits only one rental a month...though I know the homeowners renting their homes across the street are not abiding by this 30 day rule. What form of enforcement does the city now have? Are we to set up cameras to monitor out neighbors???
4. Homeowners should have the same fee structure as hotels with a hotel tax and business license. After all, they are competing with the city's hotels. Use the money to set up the proposed enforcement agency with heavy fines for homeowners not obeying the rules. I would be interested in learning more about how this enforcement agency will "enforce." Will they send out police?
5. If owners post their contact information out front as proposed isn't this for advertising rather than for neighbors to contact them?
6. If we have no choice, I like the high-threshold regulations placing a cap on short term rentals, as well as a maximum amount of rentals in each neighborhood.

Paul & Claudine Burnett

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Switzer, Donna

From: dad2st@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 11:36 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Short term vacation rentals

To all council members

I urge ALL on the city council to **OPPOSE** short term vacation rentals.

Thank you
Chuck Burns
Huntington Beach CA
714 369-7384

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From: Cathi Crouch <cathicrouch@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:45 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: HB Short term rentals

Please keep our sense of community intact by either prohibiting short term rentals, or assuring that owners must be onsite or within 500 ft of the rental. This would allow neighbors to establish relationships with the owners, furthering a sense of community. Having owners onsite would also help to self-regulate the types of renters allowed on the property, adherence to max numbers allowed per unit, and afford neighbors easy access to those accountable for renters behavior.

Thank you, Cathi Crouch

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From: Michelle Burns <jacquinemichelle@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2020 12:50 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Comments for Short Term Rentals

As a home owner in down town Huntington Beach I sit on the fence for short term rentals. I live two houses from a short term rental that has plagued our street with large parties all hours and days of the week, excessive amounts of trash in the alley and multiple cars blocking the alley to get in and out. We as neighbor's have filed multiple complaints with the city and police for the noise, trash and parking. Our frustration is with the home owner not taking responsibility and managing her guests and home. I am a former short term rental owner in another city where I was regulated to a specific amount of guests based on the rooms in the home, how many cars were allowed and having to have licensing and pay city and state taxes as a business. I would like to see strict regulations for short term rentals in Huntington Beach. They are a business and should be held to the same standards. Licensing, taxes, inspections and signage.

Thank you for your time and consideration for a better and safer Huntington Beach.

Michelle Burns

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From: glenn elliott <gelliott1@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2020 1:58 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda Item: Short Term Vacation Rentals

I have been a homeowner in Huntington Beach since 1980. My home is zoned as "single family residential" and I trusted that my neighbors were residents, not transients. That trust was broken when my next-door neighbor began renting his home on a short-term basis as a VRBO listing. The resulting influx of strangers had all the charm of living next door to a de facto international hotel and party house. Even though the homeowner was receptive to complaints, addressing those complaints was after-the-fact and without regard for limiting future bookings.

One of the selling points for his rental was its setting in a safe, family neighborhood. The question became, "Safe for whom"? Safe for me ala Neighborhood Watch? It was hard to imagine that as I watched stranger after stranger enter the house next door never knowing whether all the "guests" had arrived, how many more might show up in how many more vehicles, how long they would stay, and how late or how often they would party. The only familiar face was the housekeeper who showed up to clean the house and report it's condition to the owner between bookings which were often same day as one group checked out by 11am and the next group showed up as soon as 3pm...or as late as midnight honking horns and gathering on the front lawn. And so it went.

Your proposed regulations include:

A 24-hour hotline for complaints and notice to all property owners within 500 feet. What recourse does that "notice" offer to resident owners? Will the hotline response time be better or worse than the July 4th hotline? Who exactly will be responding and what will they do?

Posting a high visibility sign with contact information in front of the property. Will that be a neon sign with Vacancy/No Vacancy info including abbreviated amenities such as number of bedrooms, WiFi, beach parking pass, etc.?

There would be a limit on how many people were guests per bedroom. Who will monitor how many guests will invite guests of their own for holiday dinners, baby showers, graduation parties, etc.? How about that camper that's parked on the street overnight belonging to guests of the guests? Will permits be required?

A cap on the number of short-term rentals in the city and a maximum per neighborhood will be established. So, the city will decide winners and losers in the profit potential of short-term rentals, i.e. who gets to use their home as a cash cow and who doesn't?

I oppose using residential neighborhoods for short-term vacation rentals. For those who will claim they need the income to stay in their homes I ask what is preventing them from legally renting rooms on a month-to-month basis? For the Huntington Beach alliance of AirBNB hosts I ask why my quality of life should be jeopardized by their profiteering? We already have short-term vacation rentals in Huntington Beach called hotels and motels. I live in my home and would like an assurance from this Council that my neighbors can say the same.

Cheryl Elliott
21652 Branta Circle
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

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
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From: Estanislau, Robin
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 8:14 AM
To: Paik, Julie
Cc: Jun, Catherine; Switzer, Donna; Esparza, Patty
Subject: Re:  MyHB-#390702 Housing []

Yes, it does ... thanks.

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 21, 2020, at 7:33 AM, Paik, Julie <Julie.Paik@surfcity-hb.org> wrote:

Don't know if this qualifies as public comment.

Julie S. Paik
Housing Analyst
City of Huntington Beach
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Huntington Beach, CA 92648
714.536.5470

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From: MyHB <reply@mycivicapps.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 7:24 AM
To: Paik, Julie <Julie.Paik@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject:  MyHB-#390702 Housing []

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MyHB
New Report Submitted - #390702

Status

new

Work Order

#390702

Issue Type

Housing

Subtype

Affordable Housing

Notes

How can we justify building apartments and dense housing when we have too many vacation rentals that were formerly family rentals. Hotels could be and should be filled. Keep short-term rentals out of residential neighborhood. Keep our residents housed.

[View the Report](#)

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714-898-4560

Report Submitted

SEP 21, 2020 - 7:24 AM

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Switzer, Donna

From: Dave Guido <gdfthr2@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 7:05 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Vacation rentals

Please do NOT allow short term vacation rentals in Huntington Beach! There isn't the infrastructure or the enforcement capability to make sure this doesn't become a blight in every neighborhood in the city. And, the city needs to enforce the current ban on vacation rentals which organizations such as Airbnb choose to ignore.

If a vacation rental ordinance is in the future, it must be High-Threshold Regulation version. Anything less will be a disaster.

Dave Guido
21241 Lochlea Lane
HB, 92646

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Switzer, Donna

From: Chris Hart <chart@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:56 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Short Term Rentals - NO

City Council Members,

To be brief, I am against any short term rentals in the city of Huntington Beach.

Chris K. Hart

419 6th Street
chart@socal.rr.com

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Switzer, Donna

From: Judy Hicks <judyca7@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 3:48 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Short term rentals

I own a condominium and am opposed to short term rentals and even our CCR's do not allow them. The unit below me has consistently been rented long and short term. Our management company refuses to do anything about it and I would like to see them banned permanently. Investors are buying up beach property for the purpose of turning them into rentals and that needs to be stopped. Thank you, Judy Hicks Pointe Surfside Condominiums 4682 Warner

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Switzer, Donna

From: Greta Hunold <gmhunold@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 11:10 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Short Term Rental Ordinance

I support agenda item #23 fair regulation of short term rentals in Huntington Beach.

Short term rentals help seniors pay property taxes and invest in property upkeep. They help millennials afford their first home. The extra money gained through short term rentals is often the important difference which keeps residents in the homes and neighborhoods they love. They represent just 1% of housing stock, so they do not threaten the housing market.

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Greta Hunold

Airbnb Host

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Switzer, Donna

From: Kevin Hunold <kevin.hunold@KevinHunold.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 11:20 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org

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Kevin Hunold

Airbnb Host

Sent from my iPhone

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Switzer, Donna

From: Albert Leung <gnuel3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:38 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fwd: Support AirBnb

Hi,

I support fair regulations for Airbnb short term rentals in HB. I'm a resident of HB and believe Airbnb is a positive for our community as it allows hosts to gain additional income, which in turn we directly pour back to local HB businesses. If other cities allow AirBnb but not HB, guests may stay at other cities, resulting in lost revenue for the city. It also contributes to our city being a world class beach city, and drives tourism and diversity.

Albert Leung

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Switzer, Donna

From: Shelly Love <lovehisgrace@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:28 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Re: HB City Council to draft short-term rental ordinance Monday

To the City Council Of Huntington Beach and all those who of concern;

Thank you for taking the time to consider moving forward with STR in Huntington Beach by developing the ordinances required for all short term rentals. As already discussed at prior council meetings the need for such regulations and ordinances must be made and adhered to by all who would be registered and operating short term rentals in the city of Huntington Beach.

Suggestions for ordinances:

- **Short Term Rentals** must be registered with the city and acquire a permit at a reasonable price
- **Short Term Hosts** should install noise aware equipment to insure that noise levels would be considerate of neighbors and within the city quiet hours
- **Parking use** should be comparable to the host/str homeowner parking use.
- **Short Term Rentals** required to pay tot taxes comparable to hotels and motels within the immediate area
- **Any events** at the location should be pre-arranged with the host and kept within city ordinances.
- **Short Term Rental** owners/hosts must live in their home at least a minimum of 50% of the year

Thank you so much for your considerations

Pat and Shelly Love

On Sat, Sep 19, 2020 at 4:11 PM Huntington Beach Short-Term Rental Alliance <info@hbstra.org> wrote:

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Hello Alliance members and other STR stakeholders,

HB City Council will consider directing staff in creating a short-term rental ordinance. Show your support by calling in or writing to the council. For those of you who may not have received this email blast on 9/18 from Airbnb, here it is:

"Thank you for being part of the short-term rental community in Huntington Beach. **Next Monday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m.**, the Huntington Beach City Council will discuss and draft regulations for short-term rentals. The Council will be taking public comment as they deliberate.

It is important for the host community to submit public testimony to show your support for fair regulations and speak directly to your council members to ensure that your voice is heard. **Hosts can submit public testimony to SupplementalComm@Surfcity-hb.org by 2:00 p.m Monday (9/21). Hosts can also call-in during the meeting at 6 PM to give public comment via the [Zoom meeting link](#) or call (669) 900-6833 (Webinar ID: 971 5413 0528).**

Home sharing is an important economic recovery lifeline. It is important for the host community to show support for fair regulations and ensure that council hears your voice.

To learn more about potential regulations and the meeting, please visit the [city's website](#) and [detailed agenda item site](#). Your voice can make a difference. To stay connected to your local host community, please visit hbstra.org.

Thanks,
The Airbnb Team"

Note:

The council chambers are closed to the public so only written comments received anytime between now 2pm PT Monday, or calling by phone or logging into Zoom within 15 minutes of start of meeting (the meeting may start late) will be accepted. Speaker names are encouraged but not required and comments are audio only, not video. Your comment can be as simple as "I'm calling in support of agenda item #23 for fair regulations of short-term rentals in HB". You can say why you host/operate/stay in STR's in HB and the benefits STR visitors bring to the local economy". It's best to keep your comments friendly, personal and short. Plan on speaking no more than 1 -2 mins.

According to a [report](#) that will be presented during the council meeting Monday, there are currently 785 unique active STR's in HB and Sunset, that would generate an estimated \$1.38 million/yr in TOT/TBID revenue, which at present the city is losing out on.

Your voice will be heard Monday night, if you speak up!

When: Monday, 9/21/20 at 6pm PT for STR agenda item #23

Huntington Beach Short-Term Rental Alliance/hbstra.org

Why do you do short-term rental? Tell your story [here](#).



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Switzer, Donna

From: Carlos Alan Martinez <alan.martinez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 11:12 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Public testimony

I am a resident of Huntington Beach and I write this in support of legalizing and regulating shortterm rentals in this city. I have a fulltime position at a local CVS as a store manager, and I also manage and clean a short term property near my home for the home owner.

I see firsthand the financial benefits of the short-term businesses on its residents and the positive impacts on the neighborhood. Thankfully, the supplemental income as a cleaner and manager of the property has given me more financial freedom. With the extra income, which can be up to 1,000 a month, my goal of being a home owner is much closer than what it was before. Also, the home owner goes to great lengths to upkeep the property so it is visually pleasing to the guests – the property is always in great shape, which is beneficial for the surrounding property values.

It is my hope that Huntington Beach legalizes short term rentals as it can benefit greatly from the extra revenue, just as I have.

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From: H Meyers <hmeybsan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 11:10 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: City Council Agenda Item 23: Short-Term Rentals

I urge you to continue the ban on short-term rentals in Huntington Beach. If short-term rentals are allowed, the residential area where we have lived for 24 years, near the beach, will become unliveable, bringing more noise and disrupting any sense of neighborhood. Investors will buy up houses to profit from rentals, and renters who are not tied to the neighborhood will have little concern for it. Please vote against short-term rentals. Thank you.

Hildy Meyers
Huntington Beach

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MyHB
New Report Submitted - #390118

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new

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Issue Type

City Council

Subtype

All Council Members

Notes

Forwarded Message ----- From: Ellen Riley To: supplementalcomm@surf-city-hb.org Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2020, 04:00:01 PM PDT Subject: Short-term Rentals for City Council meeting AirBnb has been attempting to take over privately owned property in HB and along our coast for years. It would be a gold mine for them, You have been hearing from greedy investors, not homeowners who live in our community. These investors prefer accommodating tourists and party goers because they can get paid more than the sufficiently high rents which they can charge with a lease. We owners--who spent our lifetime savings to live in condos or single-family homes in HB--do not want this devastation of our financial interests and peaceful enjoyment of our neighborhoods. Please say "no" and beef up code enforcement and complaint lines. I have sent this to address given in LA Times as supplementalcomm... but keeps getting sent back.

[View the Report](#)

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ellen riley

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714-377-9491

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Report Submitted

SEP 19, 2020 - 4:53 PM

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Switzer, Donna

From: Lars Sahanaja <lars.saha@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 8:45 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Fair Regulation of Short Term Rentals

To whom it may concern,

I support agenda item #23 fair regulation of short term rentals in Huntington Beach.

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Sincerely,

Indra Lars Sahanaja

Short term rental host

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:03 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Short-term Rentals

From: rtaylor523@aol.com <rtaylor523@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 8:11 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Short-term Rentals

As someone who has suffered with short-term rentals operating illegally in the proximity of our house, I am begging you to save our neighborhoods for residents. NO short-term rentals in Huntington Beach!!!! Please enforce the ordinance currently on the books. Not one of us who purchased our homes in R-zoned neighborhoods did so with the understanding that we would have hotels of any type, much less those without on-site management & security, operating within feet of our homes.

Richard & Judy Taylor

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 9/21/2020

Agenda Item No.: 28(20-1837)

Switzer, Donna

From: Orange City STRs <orangecitystr@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 10:27 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: 9/21/20 Agenda Item #23

Madam Mayor Semeta and Honorable City of Huntington Beach Councilmembers,

My name is Susan Tillou and I represent a Short Term Rental (STR) homeowners group in the City of Orange. We are writing this evening in support of Agenda Item #23.

At the end of 2019, the Orange City Council had a last-minute agenda entry calling for a vote to ban all STRs in our city. Two dozen Orange STR homeowners immediately organized and reached out to city councilmembers and staff requesting a reconsideration. We also closely aligned with other cities for ideas on setting best practice. This included collaboration with Kathryn Levassieur and HBSTRA.

Following on the heels of a contemptuous battle in Anaheim, which we all drew lessons from, Orange City and its homeowners moved forward by focusing on 3 points of common ground:

1. the **'shared economy' (Airbnb, Uber, Lyft, etc) is here to stay** and we needed to find a way to responsibly incorporate this into city code
2. **STR homeowners are only pursuing the American dream** starting home-based businesses, welcoming visitors and boosting the local economy and city revenue (via TOT)
3. both have a **desire to protect our homes and neighborhoods** from 'bad actors' (large scale parties, using homes for nefarious purposes, etc.)

Throughout 2020, we worked with the Orange City Council, City Staff and, most recently, with the Planning Commission to progress an ordinance satisfactory to both sides. We're glad to say we are on the brink of a final vote, likely in the October/November timeframe.

We wish the same for Huntington Beach and stand ready to help as you consider an ordinance to support STRs in your city.

Thank you

Susan Tillou
City of Orange STR Homeowner Group Lead
orangecitystr@gmail.com

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Switzer, Donna

From: Georgina Troxell <ar@troxellusa.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 5:35 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Against Short Term Rentals

I'm against any short term rental less than 30 days!!!!

Georgina Troxell

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:01 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: STR-- against them.

From: Lisa Casselman Wellman <hbmom310@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 9:12 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: STR-- against them.

Dear City council

I am a property owner living on 9th street in the 200 block. When we first moved in 10 years ago, we had very few issues with VRBO type STR's on our street. It was mostly owners. Now, we have 3 homes designated solely as short term rentals on 9th street. They are advertised on VRBO and the like. The one closest to us, just two doors down, is a constant merry-go-round of short term renters. Recently more renters, and larger crowds within the home and very loud. It's running the neighborhood. The owners of the STR don't care about the quality of the neighborhood - they use this home to simply generate (illegally) revenue. Its creating a motel-like rental atmosphere and it lowers our home value.

I cannot install new tile in a remodeled bathroom without the city inspector walking through, getting a permit-- but these homeowners are able to advertise and rent out their properties illegally as hotels with no repercussion from the city.

I vote NO on STR's in HB.

Thank you.
Lisa C. Wellman

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: STR- NO vote

-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Wellman <swellman10@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 9:19 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: STR- NO vote

Dear HB City council

I am a homeowner in HB on the 200 block of 9th Street. There are 3 advertised VRBO STR's on my street. Since they began turning over SFR into VRBO homes, the noise and hotel like atmosphere has taken away from the neighborhood. It's sad that there is zero enforcement. They advertise freely on the web and have a revolving door of revenue. All at the expense of my expensive home now being downgraded to a hotel block.

I am voting NO for STR's in HB. Please listen to the voters and enforce the law.

Sincerely

Scott Wellman

Sent from my iPhone

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Switzer, Donna

From: Jean Young <visitbeautifulongbeach@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 8:59 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Huntington Beach Short Term Rentals Comment on Agenda Item #23

Dear Honorable Mayor Semeta and Huntington Beach City Council Members
Hardy, Delgleize, Brenden, Carr, Peterson and Posey.

I stand with Huntington Beach Short Term Rental Alliance in support Agenda Item #23 for fair regulation of short term rentals in Huntington Beach.

Short term rentals help seniors pay property taxes and invest in property upkeep. They help millennials afford their first home. The extra money gained through short term rentals is often the important difference which keeps residents in the homes and neighborhoods they love. They represent just 1% of housing stock in Huntington Beach, so they do not threaten the housing market.

Short term rentals provide vacation opportunities to those who could not otherwise afford to visit the beach. The California Coastal Commission, in its Coastal Act, views STRs as a high-priority, visitor-serving use providing access to our oceanfront to all.

Homesharing and vacation rentals is an important economic lifeline that can help get people back on their feet after the unemployment caused by the COVID pandemic.

- Allow short term rentals of less than 30 days.
- Do not restrict the number of hosting days.
- Keep any fees affordable.
- Provide a grace period for education and outreach before permits, if any, are required.

Please provide the Huntington Beach residents the opportunity to supplement their income, add revenue to city coffers, and allow guests to stay in non-traditional settings when they travel to Huntington Beach.

Sincerely,

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Eugenie Young
Long Beach Airbnb Hosts
visitbeautifullongbeach@gmail.com

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From: Kreshnik Begolli <begkeka@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 12:27 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: In support of short-term rental agenda item #23

Dear Council Members:

I support agenda item #23 fair regulation of short term rentals in Huntington Beach.

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Personally, without Airbnb, I wouldn't be able to make ends meet since my teaching and research is insufficient to pay bills.

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Kreshnik Begolli

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Airbnb Host

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[Too brief? Here's why!](#)

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From: Pat Byers <bluegrasshb@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 11:48 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda item #23

I'm a downtown resident of Huntington Beach and a 79 year old widow living on a very limited income. The supplemental income I get from renting a bedroom in my house through Airbnb allows me to maintain and stay in my home of 30 years. This rental also provides me with much appreciated social and mental stimulation.

I'm writing in support of Agenda item #23 for fair regulation of short term rentals in Huntington Beach. I also urge that fair regulation includes that ALL short term rental operators be required to get permits. This will provide a way to monitor operators so that neighborhood harmony can be maintained and party houses prevented.

Patricia Byers

Sent from my iPad

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Switzer, Donna

From: Eric Halsey <ehalsey@a-cto.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 1:55 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Short Term Rentals

HB City Council -

Please consider allowing short term rentals in Huntington Beach w/ minimal regulations. See how it goes for a year and then adjust as necessary.

Thanks,

Eric F. Halsey MCP, MCTS | ehalsey@a-cto.com | mobile (949) 296-5389



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From: Tennis Fan <jpauljew@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 1:25 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: Tennis Fan
Subject: Short-term Rentals Huntington Beach

Please consider approving legal short-term rentals. AZ, Colorado and Oregon currently allow short-term rentals. They charge occupancy fees. In Aspe, the city provides services for short-term rentals such as shuttles to concerts from various locations to avoid parking issues. It would be nice to have a mutually beneficial relationship with the city.

I am an Airbnb user and an Airbnb host. I currently only rent for 30 days or more, but would like to rent short term.

Respectfully,

Judy Jew
HB resident

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From: Richard de Sam Lazaro (ELCA) <rilazaro@expediagroup.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 1:09 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn; Hardy, Jill; Brenden, Patrick; Carr, Kim; Delgleize, Barbara; Peterson, Erik; Posey, Mike; supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: Kris Murray
Subject: Comments re: Short Term Rentals
Attachments: 092120 - Expedia Group re STR.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find comments regarding Huntington Beach's discussion around short-term rentals (STRs). On behalf of Expedia Group, a family of travel brands including vacation rental leader Vrbo, I'm grateful for the opportunity to provide input and look forward to providing any additional information that may assist as this conversation moves forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard



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September 21, 2020

City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
By Electronic Mail

Mayor Semeta and Members of the Huntington Beach City Council,

On behalf of Expedia Group, a family of travel brands including vacation rental leader Vrbo, thank you for the opportunity to take part in Huntington Beach's conversation around short-term rentals (STRs). STRs provide affordable and safe accommodations for traveling families and a critical piece of Huntington Beach's community and economy.

Expedia Group is proud to support balanced, sustainable regulations that meet community needs. Clear expectations around occupancy, parking, noise, refuse, and other standards as part of a simple and accessible STR licensing program are a great way to address community concerns while protecting property rights and this important part of Huntington Beach's lodging sector.

As this conversation moves forward, we encourage you to consider ways in which platforms like Vrbo can be partners in driving a high rate of compliance with Huntington Beach's STR program. For instance, requiring platforms to request city-issued license numbers as part of the on-boarding process for property listings. Without a license number, a listing for a Huntington Beach property could not be on the platform. This would also result in certificate numbers being clearly displayed in a consistent place on each listing which makes it easier for regulatory staff to locate license numbers and monitor compliance more efficiently. In addition, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss regulatory options that would require platforms to remove listings flagged as non-compliant by Huntington Beach staff.

As more and more travelers look to vacation rentals as a safe lodging option that minimizes shared space and allows guests to clean, cook, and control occupancy in their accommodations, transient occupancy tax (TOT) revenue from STRs is a valuable asset to the city budget, as well. A voluntary collection agreement with Vrbo can help ensure full collection of TOT generated by STR, and we would be grateful to connect with finance staff to open that conversation.

Thank you again for your consideration of this issue and your work to craft a balanced, fair STR program with a high rate of compliance. Please feel free to contact me at rilazaro@expediagroup.com or 206-660-8227 with any questions or to discuss further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard de Sam Lazaro".

Richard de Sam Lazaro
Senior Manager, Government and Community

Switzer, Donna

From: Trudy J. Le Clair, Ed.D. <tjleclair@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 1:22 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Short term rental agenda item

Dear Council Members,

My husband and I are opposed to short term rentals in neighborhoods in Huntington Beach. We have seen what short term rentals have done to neighborhoods in both Anaheim and Big Bear in terms of loud parties, trash, parking congestion and property damage!

The quality of life concerns should be paramount for our city, not income for large corporations (aligned with a few homeowners) at our neighbors expense.

We have many hotels and motels in Huntington Beach. Why would you try to take away their business?

Of the three regulations presented in the Daily Pilot, ONLY the High Threshold should be considered if you are going to impact our lives. If home owners want this option, they need to be on the premise and be responsible for both their clients and to feel the impact on their neighbors.

Thank you,

Dr. Trudy Le Clair
Mr. Raymond Bradley

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Huntington Beach, CA 92647

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and think hard before you walk away.

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Switzer, Donna

From: Wentzel, Linda
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 2:03 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: FW: Short-Term Rentals No for City Council meeting

Kind Regards,

Linda Wentzel

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From: Ellen Riley [ellen1riley@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 2:01 PM
To: Wentzel, Linda
Subject: Fw: Short-Term Rentals No for City Council meeting

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Ellen Riley <ellen1riley@yahoo.com>
To: supplementalcomm@surf-city-hb.org <supplementalcomm@surf-city-hb.org>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020, 01:48:29 PM PDT
Subject: Short-Term Rentals No for City Council meeting

Short-term Rentals at City Council meeting

AirBnb has been attempting to take over privately owned property in HB and along our coast for years. It would be a gold mine for them, You have been hearing from greedy investors, not homeowners who live in our community. These investors prefer accommodating tourists and party goers because they can get paid more than the sufficiently high rents which they can charge with a lease. We owners--who spent our lifetime savings to live in condos or single-family homes in HB--do not want this devastation of our financial interests and peaceful enjoyment of our neighborhoods. Please say "no" and beef up code enforcement and complaint lines. I have tried to send this to LATimes address given you supplementalcom...but it keeps bouncing back.

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Switzer, Donna

From: Bev Sansone <drsansone001@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 1:53 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Short-term rentals

Regarding 20-1837 City Council consideration of directing staff to prepare an Ordinance regulating Short-Term Rentals (STRs):

I would like to address the issue of short-term house rentals (AirBNB and VRBO and others) in Huntington Beach. I am against any proposal that would allow these short-term rentals in our city. Huntington Beach is a very desirable destination point for many world travelers. In theory, residents could make a lot money renting out their home and live somewhere else. This would turn Huntington Beach into a city of short-term rentals and all the problems associated with that: loud parties with too many people (this is already a problem in LA), late night noise, parking issues, possible drug and alcohol issues, and the typical "rental" attitudes of keeping up the home value.

If it does come down for a possible vote to allow, I would insist that it were highly regulated, licensed and taxed with the ability to have neighbors complain if there is a problem which would lead to loss of license. I would also insist there be limited numbers of these licenses per area (like 1-2% of housing areas). This would be recommended action C.

Thank you,

Beverly Sansone

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