

Switzer, Donna

From: Louise Burke <louiseb3741@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 1:11 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Supplemental Comment 12/21/20

Dear Madam Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Louise Burke, and I would like to provide public comment in support of agenda item number 21 with regards to Short-Term Rentals.

I first came to Huntington Beach with my partner on vacation from Ireland in 2017. We stayed in a short term rental with a local host where we had the most incredible experience as visitors in this city. As we had such a great stay we applied for working visas and relocated to Huntington Beach this year, we both now live and work in the city.

Staying in a short term rental with a local host provided us with the opportunity to see Huntington Beach through the eyes of a local person. Our host acted as an ambassador for the city, promoting local businesses. During our stay the host provided numerous recommendations of local restaurants and shops in the area, this influenced us to spend our money locally, particularly at small businesses. I cannot speak highly enough of short-term rentals; they are an invaluable asset to any city. The opportunities that short-term rentals create cannot be overlooked, they increase tourism, promote local spending and boost the economy as a whole.

I hope that the city council recognizes the value of short-term rentals and supports hosts as they continue to promote Huntington Beach.

Many thanks,

Louise

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From: Julie Kimmel <juliebimmel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 10:38 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Short Term Rentals

Dear Council,

I have commented for the last Council Meeting that I am fully in favor of Short Term rentals in all of Huntington Beach with the owner not being on the premises. I assume that my opinion has been registered and carried over to the upcoming meeting next week.

Additionally I would like to make the following comments as talks about exceptions to your proposed rules are on the table.

I would argue that all owners in downtown Huntington Beach should be allowed to host short term rentals with the owner present and with the owner not on the premises.

The City has clearly made the downtown area a hub of tourism and that has expanded with the re development of downtown and the addition of Pacific City and hotels all within walking distance of the downtown neighborhood.

Also, the downtown neighborhood is an area of commercial and mixed use. On my street alone in 7 blocks to the beach - 11th St. there is a park, multiple restaurants, a liquor store, apartments, condos, single family homes and a hotel. One block over there is a church.

We do have current short term rentals on our street which have never been a problem for me.

The downtown area is home to the focus of the 4th of July parade, fireworks on the beach, the parking for the big events held on beaches such as surf championships, air show etc. (but thank goodness paint ball is gone!) It is the parking for busy summer weekends for beach visitors due to its beautiful beach north of the pier and limited city parking. It is increasingly the high profile site of citizens from inside and outside the city exercising their rights of protest. It is NOT your sleepy bedroom neighborhood. It has been my proud home for 36 years.

The city will realize financial benefits from downtown short term rentals. Allow an exception to include hosted and unhosted downtown short term rentals. It is already a busy, vibrant neighborhood.

Thank you,

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