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Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Main Street - Room 415
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Re: Opposition to Wesson/Bonin Short Term Rentals Motion

Dear Council Members:

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Board of Directors is writing to convey the opposition of the council and the Westchester/Playa stakeholders to the motion of Council Members Herb J. Wesson, Jr. and Mike Bonin pertaining to short term rentals (“STR”). The Council and stakeholders are concerned that the Bonin/Wesson motion contains insufficient enforcement mechanisms to protect the interests of the community. It is presently illegal to operate STR’s in R-1 districts; property owners purchasing in these areas have relied on the illegality of STR’s when assessing property value. In the absence of appropriate definitions, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences for violation, proposed ordinances fail to adequately address the concerns of community pertaining to maintenance of the quality and integrity of their neighborhoods. As proposed there are insufficient enforcement mechanisms in the Bonin/Wesson motion.

To the extent that the city adopts STR legislation, the Neighborhood Council and its stakeholders support granting the public a private right of action against homeowners who are found to be in violation of the terms of the ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cyndi Hench

Cyndi Hench
President