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LA City Council Seeks Short Term Rental Amendment to Suspend Home-Sharing Permits for Illegal Activity

Los Angeles, CA - January 19, 2022 - Today the Los Angeles City Council unanimously voted in support of a provision that would allow for the immediate suspension of a City of Los Angeles Home-Sharing Registration when criminal activity occurs at a residence used as a short-term rental. The motion, co-presented by Councilmembers Paul Koretz (CD5), Nithya Raman (CD4), and Bob Blumenfield (CD3), asks for a report back on the feasibility of amending the home-sharing ordinance to allow the Director of Planning, upon receipt of a report and request from LAPD, to move forward with a suspension that would be in effect until the appeals process has run its course.

“For far too long, residents have been frustrated by a subset of operators that repeatedly host wild, intrusive, and unsafe parties that have been a magnet for criminal activity,” said **Councilmember Paul Koretz** who authored this motion. “This motion seeks to add more teeth to the City’s home-sharing enforcement, and penalize the chronic bad actors that are continuing to rent to people who are profiting off of illegal activity and inviting criminal behavior into otherwise quiet residential neighborhoods.”

"Rooting out and stopping bad actors is vital to having a successful home-sharing program. Unfortunately, some homes have been consistently used for large, unruly parties and criminal activity, those property owners must be penalized," said **Councilmember Blumenfield**, co-presenter of the motion. “This will not only stop bad actors from violating home-sharing rules, but also set an example for others to make sure they aren’t renting out their properties for nefarious activities."

The City continues to struggle with adequately enforcing the 2018 Home-Sharing Ordinance. Failing to address this problem not only removes thousands of affordable long-term rental units from the market, it replaces them with short-term rentals and party houses,” said **Councilmember Raman**. “In the past 2 years, these party houses have often been the sites of criminal activity, at times resulting in gun violence, and even loss of life. We need to provide the City with the tools necessary to ensure enforcement is timely, effective, and consequential. Immediate suspension of a property’s Home-Sharing Registration is the first step to achieving this goal.”

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