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From: alison paton
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 9:09 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Short Term Rentals

To whom it may concern

Ahead of your public hearing on the 24th October I am emailing to state that I am very much in favour of well managed short term rentals in Vancouver. These currently happen in my building and I have no problem with it.

Yours sincerely

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From: Michel Duran 5.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 11:16 PM
To: Public Hearing
Cc: Maeve Gallagher
Subject: Registering for the Short term rental public hearing

To whom it may concern,

My name is Michel Duran, I would like to register for the public hearing on the proposed regulations for short-term rentals happening on **Tuesday, October 24th at 6 p.m.**

If not able to speak at the public hearing here's my opinion about short term rental in Vancouver.

I'm a Airbnb member since 2012 and have been using it both as a host and a guest.

The platform allows to select both guests and hosts based on a review system and to secure financial transactions.

I understand the necessity to keep in Vancouver a wide availability of long term rentals. I also think that the venue of tourists are also a way to share our beautiful city and to bring a substantial amount of business for the Vancouverites, especially in areas less touristy.

As part of the creative people of this city, I had to find ways to balance the ups and down of working in the entertainment sector with getting a more regular income.

In sharing part of our place (that we wouldn't rent for long term period anyway as it is part of where we live) with Airbnb, I was able to achieve this tricky equation.

Michel Duran

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From: Blash Kash Holdings INC. s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 9:56 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Short-Term Rentals Hearing

Good Morning,

This email is pertaining to the hearing scheduled on October 24th with regards to short term rentals in Vancouver.

Since April 2017, I have finally been able to live comfortably in Vancouver (something I never thought possible) by offering my home to short term rentals.

Not only am I enjoying this, but through my recommendations to my guests, I am supporting Vancouver local small businesses and increasing tourism to Vancouver.

Sites such as Airbnb allow tourists to enjoy the city from a locals perspective. This directly benefits businesses that normally don't attract as many tourists. Since my home is located outside of the downtown core, I am able to draw attention to the neighbourhood attractions such as smaller coffee shops and breweries. Regulating these rentals in Vancouver will have a direct impact on these small businesses, as well as tourism to Vancouver.

In addition, large hotels are not able to provide the personalized connection that Airbnb does. This connection is what brings people back to the city again and again.

I hope you consider the above in determining the outcome of this matter.

Thank you for your time,

-Blash

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From: Cindy Jhooty
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 2:17 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Airbnb

Hello:

I am all for airbnb hosting in private homes and apartments. This is a social platform for some, while not others. There has to be a distinction made in this arena. I do not abuse the airbnb platform and use it for social purposes only.

There are no business motivations for me. I cannot speak for others. You have to consider the fact that rents are high and housing is unaffordable in the Vancouver area. People are moving away. Any little bit of assistance helps rather than having to rely on governments. Wake up Canada, as rent controls, now, need to be put in place. This was done in New York in the early 1900's and this is something that we must think about. Airbnb used for private, non-greedy

citizens is a very good option. Monitoring should and could be put into place. Why penalize the honest citizens who like to socialize and help others achieve their dreams while the bad apples take advantage and abuse the system?. Not everyone has had the opportunity to own real estate or have had rich parents to afford them a home. Folks need a helping hand as "the times have changed".

I have hosted a few travelers, those attending seminars to better their career, people making career changes and others. These I consider to be "good works" in helping others in all that they do! Giving a helping hand to humanity at any level is honourable. A small contribution is nothing to balk at! Wouldn't you say!

Cindy Jhooty

P.S. I have been told by travelers that it is very difficult to find a place to stay in Vancouver with airbnb due to the anti-social environment in Vancouver. People tend not to invite others into their homes and this is a travesty. This is not good for mental health to say the least. There are all kinds of ramifications by not letting others into your home. I like to branch out as Vancouverites are not good in the area of "socialization in general". I enjoy hosting foreigners and have not had any issues or problems..

They are few and far between while I have received some complaints from travelers and others about not getting easy accommodation.. Vancouver is not the most perfect place in terms of "hospitality". I tend to agree! You have my 2 bits. This says nothing good about Vancouver.

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From: Raika Coutinho s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 2:46 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Sharing rentals

Airbnb has been a great tool for helping with the monthly incoming of many families. Vancouver is one of the cities most expensive to live, been able to use airbnb as a part-time job has drastically changed my financial situation.

Ray Coutinho

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Liz Moran s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 5:27 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Public hearing on airbnb

Dear sir or madam, I would like to voice my opinion on airbnb.

I retired 4 years ago and until last year my daughter lived with me then she went travelling and eventually settled in Toronto this year. As I am on a fixed income and my rent continuously gets higher every year, even living in a co-op, I had no way of getting that little extra to help me survive. My rent is almost half of my monthly income.

My daughters suggested getting a student to rent out my second small bedroom, but I was not ready to commit to someone full time. So I decided to post the room on airbnb. To my surprise I received a lot of people who needed a reasonably priced room for a few days at a time.

I can't tell you the amount of interesting people I have met from all over the world. Although the income helps me live in my home of 12 years without the pressure of how am I going to make ends meet, it gave me a purpose. Cleaning and preparing for a guest keeps me active and having the pleasure of sitting having coffee or tea with them and conversing about where they are from is wonderful.

I enjoy helping them find their way in Vancouver and offering interesting places to visit. I also assist in how to get around by transit, which, in itself, has helped me as I no longer drive a car.

I hope this email gives you an idea of the importance airbnb is to people in my situation.

Sincerely

Liz Moran

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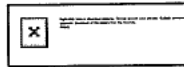
From: Peter Kennedy 5.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 10:00 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Re: Oct. 24 Public Hearing on Short-term Rentals.

Vancouver is the third most expensive city in the world.
It has become a place where only millionaires and the homeless can survive.

Home sharing allows more visitors to see our city.
And more residents to afford to live here.
If you want affordable housing, allow us to make a living from our homes.

Pete Kennedy

On Thursday, October 19, 2017, 6:01 AM, Airbnb <hello@airbnbmail.com> wrote:



Hi Peter,

The City of Vancouver is holding a public hearing on their proposed regulations for short-term rentals on **October 24th, 2017**.

City council will vote on the proposed regulations for home sharing at the close of this public hearing. **This is your last opportunity to speak to the mayor and councillors before regulations are finalized.**

Your experience and opinions are crucial in the closing days of this process in order to protect your ability to home share in Vancouver. **You can register to speak in person or submit your comments in writing by emailing publichearing@vancouver.ca.**

Your story matters and public officials will listen.

Thanks for supporting home sharing,
The Airbnb Team

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From: patricia martin
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: RE: Airbnb

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To whom it may concern,

This is my 3rd year receiving guests in my home. I live by myself in False Creek and I am lucky enough to have 2 bedrooms and two complete bathrooms.

I retired 5 years ago from teaching and although I have a small pension and a small business, the money to live comfortably, by myself in Vancouver was not enough. I am also very community oriented, love people, I am very social and love different cultures. But above all I love my city and I love bragging about it and showing people around!

My experience has been spectacular. I have received people from all over the world, from Sweden, Belgium, France, Spain and Belgium to Taiwan, Australia and the US, some to work here, some to take courses at the Yoga studio, others visiting their daughters or sons and others just simply visiting our great city.

I feel I am a Vancouver ambassador! Many times, I pick my guests up from the Canada Line, I walk with them to the market, I show them our beautiful False Creek, show them my favourite restaurants and boutiques and once or twice I take them for a drive up to UBC or Queen Elizabeth park. I know I am doing more than my colleagues in Europe (according to my experience) but I enjoy it and people leave this city wanting to come back! I feel I am working (for free) for the Ministry of Tourism.

According to my experience, the Airbnb company is very well organized, they are insured, they deal with the money situation (so I do not have to talk money to my guests, only about fun!) and anytime I have a question they are ready to help me and they do right away.

I traveled in Spain last year using Airbnb and my experience was very good in some cases, not so good in others but it gave me the opportunity to experience the culture from inside, I did not feel like an outsider. I enjoyed my experience much more than if I had stayed in a hotel and, of course much cheaper!

I believe that this service we (the Airbnb in home hosts) are offering to our guests, its an invaluable one to the city of Vancouver!

Yours truly,

Patricia Martin M.A.

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From: Trevor Simpson
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 9:38 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: AirBnb in Vancouver

Hello. I am a very occasional airbnb member, I use my house sometimes when I am away.
It does not remove any rental housing from the market.
It supports tourism and provide me (a senior) with extra income.
I totally approve that suites entirely devoted to airbnb should be regulated sincerely Trevor Simpson

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From: krystal wells
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: City of Vancouver is holding a public hearing on their proposed regulations for short-term rentals Air Bnb

Air bnb sent out a letter to everyone in Vancouver regarding your hearing.

I was an Air Bnb host, with the cost of living in vancouver and working 3 jobs to maintain my bills. air bnb allowed me to get ahead on my bills and mortgage. some people that do air bnb in their homes need this money and are willing to share a space for a short time. We do it due to the high cost of living in vancouver. I feel I should have to work 3 jobs to still be broke, days with out eating, cant go out and have any type of social life since you need money to do that, unless the government is willing to lower the cost of everything from ICBC, transit, gas, food, and all other essential amenities that it takes to live in this expensive City your hurting middle to lower class families. Now people that have multiple places for air bnb should not be allowed. those homes should go to people that need a place to life. I've seen a few with multiple air bnb listings of different units and I feel that is wrong. but a little person like myself that is a single person makes under 20,000.00 a year needs that help with finances.

Thank you

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From: Carol Wong s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 2:14 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Airb&b issue

Just want to express some personal opinions on the subject.

Personally I do not object the Airb&b operation. In fact it has following advantages:

- provide travellers (both national and international) a more economic way to explore the country
- helps all property owners to make some money to ease off the burden of high mortgage due to the ever soaring real estate prices
- boosts local economies because of increased visitors
- helps all those who need to stay away from home for whatever reasons (schooling, training, medical services, business, etc.) in a short term basis

Governments have been encouraging home owners to rent out parts of their properties to students for a long time. Basically, it is like extending this service to travellers.

Blaming the lack of long-term rentals to Airb&b is absolutely ridiculous. As a owner of a \$1M+ (average property price in Vancouver) property, the minimum monthly rent I need to make a profit is \$3,000+. How many local average income earners can afford this kind of rent? On top of that, all city by-laws favouring the renters further discourages majority of property owners to rent out in a long term basis. Many owners have to swallow all property damages and/or loss of rent payments by renters without any help from the government. So why should they consider renting out long term? Whereas Airb&b guarantees the rent payment and help in property damages to an extent!

National air fares are incredibly high in Canada. (Toronto-Vancouver fares are sometimes more expensive than Toronto-HK, or Toronto-London) Canadians would consider spending time within the country if accommodation prices are more economical. If transportation and accommodation prices are not appealing to travel within Canada, we are just encouraging Canadians to spend their money overseas.

If we don't want to boost up our economies, there is no income to support our public services. Decision is yours!

Carol wong

Sent from my iPhone