-----Original Message-----
From: Eric Bay [mailto:nauticalbay@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 12:38 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Inclusion of whole house rentals

Dear Director Rivers,

Director Rivers and CPC Staff,

In your considerations of whole house rentals, please allow for the market place to work itself out- restricting entry and flat out preventing entry into the licensing process will result in negative economic effects for the City.

Density requirements would Eliminate the Opportunity for permitting for hundreds of Hosts. Conditional Use should only be an option After the Density had been reached per block face or square.

While still maintain Control, there are more effective ways to restrict and regulate our Industry other than Exclusion.

We support fees and taxes, but need to be able to actually participate.

Eric Bay
(504) 231-2712
nauticalbay@cox.net

Sincerely,

Eric Bay
Dear Director Rivers,

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Sincerely,

Alicia Vance
Dear Director Rivers,

I have three little houses which I have rented on both short term and long term bases for the last 5 years. They are in the East Carrollton neighborhood. I initially rented them out to long term tenants who were generally terrible. I did not make enough money to improve the properties, and I always lost money.

Then I invested money to fix up one property so I could rent it out on a short term basis, with furniture and made to look and feel like a home. I made more money, put more money into the other two properties.

The neighborhood was terribly run down.

Initially But my neighbors really appreciated what I was doing. They knew I was making their property more valuable. I have never had a complaint from my neighbors about my short term tenants. The short term tenants love the little houses and spend money in our system, money they could not afford to spend if they came to town and stayed in a hotel.

There is room and the need for both kinds of tourists in this city. For a family to come here, having to have several hotel rooms makes it prohibitive and crowded.

Home sharing and short term rentals are a boost for small businesses. I like to recommend local businesses for our guests to visit - cafes, restaurants, shops, and local treasures that visitors may not otherwise know about.

I love living in New Orleans. A big reason why I love short term renters is that it gives me a chance to show off what I love about living here.

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Nancy Marshall
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Sincerely,

Ken Allan
-----Original Message-----
From: Ed Azemas [mailto:Decaturnola@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 9:08 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

Dear Director Rivers,

Being an Airbnb host is an important economic lifeline for my family and many other middle class families in our city. Since Katrina, property tax, sales tax, insurance, and the cost home repairs have risen. The extra income I receive from home sharing helps offset monthly household expenses like rent/mortgage, groceries, utilities, etc. This income allows me to continue to live in this great city.

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Ed Azemas
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Sincerely,

Molly Horstman
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My story:::
I am a widow with two children (13 and 14 years), this income allows me to stay home to be a mom to my children. In the past, I've traveled multiple states to work for corporate America. It was wonderful...but I never saw or got to spend time with my children. I found myself paying other to care for my children on a weekly basis. Regardless, I've missed milestones on multiple levels I truly hate to share with others. This airBnB short term vacation rental has saved our lives in many ways. This has enhanced our respect (rather than frustration), our health, our love and has provided us more time to give back to the community. We now have time to volunteer at City Park, Children's Hospital and my girls school (just to list a few).

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Zwart
Dear Director Rivers,

Being an Airbnb host is an important economic lifeline for my family and many other middle class families in our city. I teach at Ben Franklin High School and the extra income is a nice addition to my teacher salary. The extra income I receive from home sharing helps offset monthly household expenses like rent/mortgage, groceries, utilities, etc. This income allows me to continue to live in this great city.

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The reviews I get from my guests are priceless. I'd be glad to share them with you. There is no way a hotel would get such reviews.

We need common sense rules that are easy to understand and easy to follow for people who actually live in the house they are sharing on Airbnb. I don't have much sympathy for landlords (some are big companies) who don't even live in the houses they list on Airbnb. They make it harder for locals to find affordable housing. Rules should be tough for those (I don't think I am asking for double standard). It should be easy for the city to make all hosts (even those like myself who live in the house they share) apply a tax. I recently stayed in an Airbnb in Orlando and the tax is applied automatically. I think that is a win-win situation for the city and hosts.

Sincerely,

Philippe Radelet
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Sincerely,

Christy Hebert
From: Robert D. Rivers
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 11:06 AM
To: Nicholas J. Kindel
Subject: FW: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

-----Original Message-----
From: Martin Smith [mailto:msmith@brandedworkslnc.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 5:40 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

Dear Director Rivers,

Being an Airbnb host is an important economic lifeline for my family and many other middle class families in our city. The extra income I receive from home sharing helps offset monthly household expenses like rent/mortgage, groceries, utilities, and property taxes, which have increased every year since Katrina. We pay over $8,000 per year in those property taxes. This income allows me to continue to live in this great city.

Home sharing is also a boost for small businesses. I like to recommend local businesses for our guests to visit - cafes, restaurants, shops, and local treasures that visitors may not otherwise know about. My guests 90% of the time utilize local transportation, taxis, to and from the New Orleans airport. They also utilize the trolleys and buses during their stay.

I also utilize a number of local contractors, cleaning service, laundry services, and buy my supplies and equipment locally paying city and state taxes on all those purchases.

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Thank you;

Martin Smith
AirBnB Superhost

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Why not set up a tax for lodging that Air BnB collects and sends to the city. I understand that a significant portion of hotel taxes go to the Superdome. It seems most of the money coming into the city is focused in the French Quarter and has little direct benefit to locals. A tax on Bnb's could be used to improve neighborhoods. Potholes for example.

Sincerely,

Chris DesJardins
-----Original Message-----
From: R P [mailto:circleson@riseup.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:27 AM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Home Sharing is destroying New Orleans

Dear Director Rivers,

People who own illegal short term rentals are tax-evading criminals and should be treated as such.

Sincerely,

R P
From: Robert D. Rivers  
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 10:58 AM  
To: Nicholas J. Kindel  
Subject: FW: The Disregard of Inaction to the Blight of Short Term Rentals

From: Mary B. Cunningham  
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:58 AM  
To: Robert D. Rivers; Leslie T. Alley; Lillian J. McNee  
Cc: d.w.earmes@gmail.com; Susan G. Guidry; T. Gordon McLeod; Vanessa A. Spinazola  
Subject: FW: The Disregard of Inaction to the Blight of Short Term Rentals

Team,  
See input from a constituent below re STR.

Mr. Eames says 3172 Toulouse (Bachelor pad) has already been issued two separate Cease and Desist letters. Thank you for that.

Mr. Eames, please forward addresses and internet listings of other locations in question mentioned in your email. Thanks.

Best,  
Mary

Mary Cunningham  
Director, Constituent Services  
Councilmember Susan G. Guidry, District A  
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Office: 504.658.1002  
Mobile: 504.681.7998

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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to you in hopes you will hear my calls of desperation. I am a New Orleanian. I am born here, and the bones of my ancestors are buried here for many generations. I take pride in my city, and my city government. I have watched Katrina wreak havoc on this place, and watched the lack of capacity we have had for dealing with that tragedy. But today is a new day, we have a booming economy. It is time for our ideas to catch up with the demand for a better tomorrow. Too many people have lost their homes to improper management of city offices. Today, we deal with another kind of tragedy. A wealth and income disparity threatens to alter our landscape forever, and I am seeing a complete disregard for that reality. The time has come and gone for us to act on Short Term Rentals.

I write to you from my home in the Bayou St. John neighborhood where I am flanked on all sides by Air Bnb rentals. One is a full house, R-2 that is being rented as a bachelor party flop house. The other is a shotgun double that was bought and flipped, and after a very lackluster renovation in which they were forced to obtain permits, was bought again at a premium and is now being rented on one side as a bnb. There are many more examples in my neighborhood. These people have displayed time and again that they are not invested in this neighborhood as a community. Despite the wonderful character that is displayed here, many of the long time residents are leaving in droves. Because of your inaction, and the egregious practices of Air Bnb, i.e. thwarting municipal efforts to bring owners to adjudication & shielding their clients, we are being held hostage in our own neighborhoods by a rapid influx of foreign stakeholders. I have nothing against this dynamic of "out with old in with the new" if it is in the parameters of the LAW. So the issue brings to question the authenticity of your function. Are you here to plan and manage and regulate as a government? Or are you here to wade through private interests, prominent stakeholders, and RFP's?

I will soon be joining a form letter along with my entire neighborhood to put an end to this unethical practice, and demand the proper parameters in which property owners have traditionally acted. Please ACT NOW!

As a bottom line, I would like to see you implement guidelines that "allow owner occupied properties for STR's" . No investment properties, no whole addresses (as in half of doubles) The city should not be in the business of regulating an entire address for the likes of Air Bnb. It's not right. Keep New Orleans Charming.

Thank you. Respectfully yours,

Daniel Eames
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Samuel Carvalho
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Sincerely,

Gisele Perez
Dear Director Rivers,

Being an Airbnb host is an important economic lifeline for my family. The extra income I receive from home sharing helps offset my crippling student debt payments. As a social worker, I am used to living paycheck to paycheck but Air B and B allows me to save a little and chip away at my debt. It has been a life changer.

This income allows me to continue to live in New Orleans and do work that doesn't pay well, but that I believe is important and helps people.

I always recommend local businesses for our guests to visit - cafes, restaurants, shops, and local treasures that visitors may not otherwise know about, near my house. And remind them to be respectful of the neighborhood/neighbors.

We need common sense rules that are easy to understand and easy to follow. I'm in favor of requiring that Air B and B hosts live on-site, as a way to ensure that guests act respectfully towards the neighbors and the property.

Sincerely,

Leah Foster
From: Andrew Williams [mailto:2andrew@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 3:40 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

Dear Director Rivers,

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Danielle Boudreaux
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nathan levalley
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I truly agree that unattended houses should be limited or prohibited to ensure that neighbors do not have to deal with guests who behave badly.

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Wendy Kennedy
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Kristin Samuelson
-----Original Message-----
From: Erica Boni [mailto:ericaboni1987@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 12:04 AM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Do NOT support Home Sharing in New Orleans

Dear Director Rivers,

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-----Original Message-----
From: effrey Stofer [mailto:erieleah@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 12:10 AM
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Sincerely,

Virginia Pluta
Dear Director Rivers,

We are born, raised and work in New Orleans. We have educated our children here and like you, donated much time to our community. The Airbnb studio apt. on our property makes sense in every way for us and for our guests. We are your tourist ambassadors for the city.

In the spirit of home sharing, we welcome common sense regulations and a reasonably small fee for people who live on the property they rent out. Those who do not, should pay at a higher rate.

We need common sense rules that are easy to understand and easy to follow. We cannot afford to hire professionals to do this for us.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,
Tamarin Hennebury and Stephen Armbruster in uptown New Orleans

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Tamarin Hennebury
Dear Director Rivers,

There is so much misinformation out there about this topic that it makes us almost physically ill to see it.

We, too, fall into the much-maligned "whole house" category of Airbnb, but with a twist which I’ll describe in a moment. Our story follows nearly 2 decades of falling in love with New Orleans and spending our vacation dollars in hotels, then traditional BnBs and ultimately, in short-term-rentals from the Marigny to Algiers to MidCity to the Garden District and everywhere in between. This last category ultimately led us to really fall in love with New Orleans. After a 3+ year search for a house that we could afford in the Bywater / Marigny / Treme area, we finally found our future "retirement" home (which was prophetic because we spent every dollar of our retirement savings to buy it and, again, in contrast to the press about investors, we are far from "super-wealthy", my wife works for a non-profit charity and I’m a small business owner).

The elderly homeowner, a long-time resident of the neighborhood, was losing the house to the government for overdue taxes and the 90+ year old duplex was so termite-ridden that you could push a pencil through some of the beams. It was infused with mold, floors were rotting and almost none of the systems worked. We financed a complete renovation with a local bank, using great local contractors and after a year of sweat and tears, we received a buy-off from HDLC. We pay for commercial insurance, fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide detectors, emergency flashlights and even a first aid kit for our guests. 90% of our guests are over the age of 30, many accompanied by their children or parents, and they regale us with stories of how they love our home and spent their money in neighborhood restaurants, markets and shops.

But that twist we promised you? The former owner of the house, now in his early 70’s, became our long-term tenant in one unit and caretaker for below market-rent. Without the cash-flow from short-term-rentals of the other unit, the bank never would have lent us the money in the first place. And another duplex would have been converted to a 3/2 by a speculator (many of whom we discovered are local real estate agents or contractors), lost from rental inventory, forever. And that long-term resident of the neighborhood who calls us his "angels" would have been out on the street. Just remember, please, there are many sides to this story, and not all of us are in it for the money.

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Ted Ferreira
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I enjoy being able to host people in an area where there isn't any sort of established bed and breakfast or hotel, it gives them a different perception of our city and opens it up to them in ways they may have never before thought.

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Sincerely,

Zach Rogers
Dear Director Rivers,

I'm writing to share with you the positive impact home-sharing has been for me and my daughter.

I've lived here since the January before Katrina, have lived all over the city, five neighborhoods total! The father of my child is a New Orleans native. My child goes to a public school in the Seventh Ward. I've worked in the service industry most of my 11 years here. I am thoroughly integrated into the culture here. As you can see, I am not simply passing through this dear city. This is my home.

There was a point, just before airbnb came into my life, that I considered leaving my home. I struggled to get it all done; I felt I had been at work so often that I was missing too much time with my daughter. We were on food stamps to make ends meet. But it just still never felt like enough, I couldn't keep up. I thought that leaving was my only option. But then! A friend told me about Airbnb and I hesitately have it a go... and my what a BLESSING it has been! I feel like I am finally making progress here, my daughter and I are SO much more content without the constant money struggle in our lives. Without Airbnb, quite honestly, I don't think we could have stayed.

Beyond the benefits to my own family, it has been such an honor welcoming new folks to the city! I've had such fun sharing great places to eat, drink, or visit in the city. All of my guests have been so pleasant and kind and all have expressed their excitement to return again! THAT is what Airbnb is all about. Airbnb makes traveling here more accessible, less expensive. Money saved on my simple rental goes to a restaurant in the French Quarter, maybe the bartenders tip jar. We are all okay with fair guidelines being in place for home-sharing, but taking Airbnb away entirely also means taking tourist dollars both out of the hands of the city, it's service industry, and families, like mine. I thank you for your time and consideration.

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Brandy R.
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Sincerely,

Jacob Berman
Service-industry workers including employees of our hotels and restaurants, depend on affordable housing near our jobs. For more than 50 years, the French Quarter has maintained a balance of housing and hotel rooms to create a truly mixed income and mixed use community. Violating the 50 year moratorium to allow housing units in the French Quarter to be transformed into short term rentals takes away housing opportunities for service industry workers. Most importantly, it takes away opportunities to have access to apartments and homes near our jobs. We oppose any short term rentals in the French Quarter. We oppose whole house rentals across the city. The proliferation of short-term rentals in New Orleans is and will continue to change neighborhoods from those of locally owner-occupied homes and affordable rental properties to investment properties used for out of town visitors. The claim that these rentals benefit locals who can occasionally rent out a spare room is not an accurate depiction of the short-term rental companies or their users. Nation-wide analyses of the short-term rental market all confirm that large investors buy up properties in cities that allow short term rentals to be exclusively used for out of town visitors. This does not benefit the city and is a huge detriment to our neighborhoods. For this reason, I oppose whole house, short-term rentals. Simply put, short-term rentals kill hospitality industry jobs. Short term rentals require no front desk staff, no concierge, no bellhop, no maid, no doorman, no general manager, no accountant, and the list goes on. Our hotel industry provides good paying jobs year-round. Please do not allow whole house rentals that provide no employment opportunities. And please keep short term rentals out of the French Quarter.

ASHLEY DARCOURT
Food and Beverage Supervisor
SHERATON NEW ORLEANS HOTEL
500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

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I have a few suggestions that are common sense and could add significantly to your city coffers. Suggested rules for vacation rentals:

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From: Anne Cormier [mailto:annecormier18@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 3:28 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

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2. Many homes here are doubles. You should absolutely allow the rental of a whole space, especially one attached to the owner’s space.
3. Any double should be allowed to rent one side for vacation rentals as long as the tenant on the other side agrees.
4. Limit any vacation rental to no more than 6 people.
5. Decide on a decent tax rate. I suggest 8% to begin. The vacation rental websites will collect the tax and remit it directly to you.

On a final note, I want to touch on an important issue. The cost of living in this city is skyrocketing. The assessor has tripled our land values just this past year. If we cannot rent some of our properties as vacation rentals we will no longer be able to live here. This is especially true for a person like myself who is retired and relies solely on rents. My tenants who pay $600 and $800 a month respectively will see their rents rise to $1200 and $1400 if I lose my vacation rental.

New Orleans relies on tourism. Vacation rentals appeal to a huge tourist population that will never consider another option. We are not in competition with hotels or B&B's. We serve an entirely new and different market.

UBER, Lyft, HomeAway, VRBO and Airbnb are the wave of the future. By adopting sensible rules New Orleans can be a part of the future instead of being left behind. I strongly urge you to adopt some sensible guidelines and be a part of the future.

Sincerely,

Anne Cormier
From: T. Gordon McLeod  
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 4:03 PM  
To: Mary B. Cunningham; Robert D. Rivers; Leslie T. Alley; Lillian J. McNee  
Cc: d.w.earmes@gmail.com; Susan G. Guidry; Vanessa A. Spinazola  
Subject: RE: The Disregard of Inaction to the Blight of Short Term Rentals

Thank you, Mary. I have also requested follow up from Lily and S&P. She needs addresses in order to proceed with other violation notices.

Sent from Samsung Mobile.

-------- Original message --------
From: "Mary B. Cunningham"
Date:06/01/2016 12:58 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Robert D. Rivers" ,"Leslie T. Alley" ,"Lillian J. McNee"
Cc: d.w.earmes@gmail.com,"Susan G. Guidry" ,"T. Gordon McLeod" ,"Vanessa A. Spinazola"
Subject: FW: The Disregard of Inaction to the Blight of Short Term Rentals

Team,
See input from a constituent below re STR.

Mr. Eames says 3172 Toulouse (Bachelor pad) has already been issued two separate Cease and Desist letters. Thank you for that.

Mr. Eames, please forward addresses and internet listings of other locations in question mentioned in your email. Thanks.
Best,
Mary

Mary Cunningham
Director, Constituent Services
Councilmember Susan G. Guidry, District A
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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to you in hopes you will hear my calls of desperation. I am a New Orleanian. I am born here, and the bones of my ancestors are buried here for many generations. I take pride in my city, and my city government. I have watched Katrina wreak havoc on this place, and watched the lack of capacity we have had for dealing with that tragedy. But today is a new day, we have a booming economy. It is time for our ideas to catch up with the demand for a better tomorrow. Too many people have lost their homes to improper management of city offices. Today, we deal with another kind of tragedy. A wealth and income disparity threatens to alter our landscape forever, and I am seeing a complete disregard for that reality. The time has come and gone for us to act on Short Term Rentals.

I write to you from my home in the Bayou St. John neighborhood where I am flanked on all sides by Air Bnb rentals. One is a full house, R-2 that is being rented as a bachelor party flop house. The other is a shotgun double that was bought and flipped, and after a very lackluster renovation in which they were forced to obtain permits, was bought again at a premium and is now being rented on one side as a bnb. There are many more examples in my neighborhood. These people have displayed time and again that they are not invested in this neighborhood as a community. Despite the wonderful character that is displayed here, many of the long time residents are leaving in droves. Because of your inaction, and the egregious practices of Air Bnb, i.e. thwarting municipal efforts to bring owners to adjudication & shielding their clients, we are being held hostage in our own neighborhoods by a rapid influx of foreign stakeholders. I have nothing against this dynamic of "out with old in with the new" if it is in the parameters of the LAW. So the issue brings to question the authenticity of your function. Are you here to plan and manage and regulate as a government? Or are you here to wade through private interests, prominent stakeholders, and RFP's?
I will soon be joining a form letter along with my entire neighborhood to put an end to this unethical practice, and demand the proper parameters in which property owners have traditionally acted. Please ACT NOW!

As a bottom line, I would like to see you implement guidelines that "allow owner occupied properties for STR's". No investment properties, no whole addresses (as in half of doubles) The city should not be in the business of regulating an entire address for the likes of Air Bnb. It's not right. Keep New Orleans Charming.

Thank you. Respectfully yours,

Daniel Eames
From: Canal Street Inn [mailto:Info@canalstreetinn.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 4:05 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Please Deny Non Owner Occupied Short Term Rentals

Dear Director Rivers,

I ask you to please not allow non owner occupied short term rentals in New Orleans. It is greatly and rapidly changing the landscape and culture of our neighborhoods. I, currently, occupy and run a licensed bed and breakfast in Mid-City. If problems arise I am here on site to resolve it immediately. I find this is not the same when people rent a random vacant house off a phone application. This usually leads to noise complaint phones call to already thin stretched NOPD. In addition, our property is insured to have guests legally reside here within the bed and breakfast. Maintaining a licensed bed and breakfast business under this unfair, unlicensed and uninsured competition is becoming more and more difficult by the month. I ask for you to please deny non owner occupied rentals. Please consider our neighborhoods and our overwhelming housing shortage this is contributing to. If we lose our available housing... We lose our artists, musicians, hospitality workers, neighborhoods and heart of the city. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Christina White
Innkeeper

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Allen Villarrubia
From: murelle.hammant@gmail.com [mailto:murelle.hammant@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Murelle Farmer
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 4:16 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Concerning whole non-owner occupied home rentals

Dear Mr. Rivers,

I am a resident of Central City / Fauborg Delassize and I view Short Term Rentals as a benefit to our local community. In an area that is rapidly gentrifying, where long term residents in our community are being priced out, I've seen Short Term Rentals allow long term residents of our community to remain in their neighborhoods, while extending a portion, or all, of their properties to short term guests. These guests include tourists, film industry personnel, medical residents, conference attendees, and more, who all contribute to the economy of New Orleans.

Short Term Rentals are an entrepreneurial opportunity to homeowners of our neighborhood who should be entitled to benefit from the gentrification of the area.

Short Term Rentals also help support businesses in our local community as tourists explore the surrounding area, off the beaten path of the French Quarter, Garden District, Magazine St. etc. Revenues are further dispersed throughout our communities as a result of short term rentals.

I feel strongly that restricting STRs in our neighborhood will hurt its economy, as well as that of larger New Orleans, and it will limit opportunities for people who make up this close knit community.

Sincerely,
Murelle Farmer
Dear Director Rivers,

I’m writing in favor of smart legalization of short-term rentals (STR’s). It is my hope the city will welcome ALL hosts and guests who are good neighbors, thus maximizing the benefit of increased tourism and much needed tax dollars, while monitoring and limiting hosts who prove to be bad neighbors (focus on HOW someone hosts, not who is doing the hosting).

If Legalizing STR’s Is Handled Correctly, The City Can Benefit In Big Ways.

I’d like to see the city use tax $ made from STR’s to fund a major project to stop crime. In the short-term, to pay for more police on the streets and in the long-term, understand what is causing this uptick in crime and put programs in place to create a better future for NOLA.

Some of the obvious benefits of STR’s:

- More tax dollars
- An increase in tourist $ for local business outside the hotel district (typically chain-owned business in the hotel districts benefit from tourism)
- Helping home owners afford to stay in their homes / make needed repairs or wanted improvements

And perhaps not-so-obvious benefits: An Increase in local jobs:

- I have my own home cleaned maybe once a month. Our short-term rentals are cleaned with each new reservation. My housekeeper is so busy cleaning our short-term rentals that she now employees her sister and her cousin. As a single mother, our housekeeper will be the first in generations of her family to be able to purchase her own home. Yes, we report & pay taxes on her earnings.

- I keep my contractor so busy he is working almost exclusively for me. In a short-term rental, your home must be up-kept in order to appeal to guests. Where I may let repairs slide a bit inside my own home, for our short-term rentals it makes good business sense to keep them in top working order. This means more calls to the handyman. This is also true for yard maintenance & landscaping.

- I shop locally for things like cleaning supplies, linens, décor and other amenities that I wouldn’t purchase as often (or at all) for my own home. I’m guessing I spend more on décor and supplies than a
typical long-term renter would because I’m constantly cleaning and preparing the space to dazzle new guests.

Tourism Is One Of NOLA’s Biggest Industries: Handle With Care

With the movie taxation issue and big players like Disney vowing not to return to NOLA, with gas prices low and with the future of fishing in peril with yet another oil spill, I would love to see the city support tourism fully by embracing smart rules around home-sharing.

Focus enforcement of STRs on what matters most: HOW someone hosts, not WHO is doing the hosting

Rather than focus on factors that are hard to monitor and easy to fake (like owner occupied spaces) – monitor how good a neighbor the host is by complaints received.

• Limit hosting based on # of complaints.
• Theoretically, the police dept. already handles things like noise complaints so STR’s should be no different.
• Airbnb also recently introduced a good neighbor program where neighbors can report problem hosts to Airbnb for a review of the host’s account & privileges.

About Me:
I started as a host on Airbnb in 2010 to help pay for some very costly, yet necessary work to be done on my home. What started as a way to help pay for repairs turned into a surprisingly enjoyable way to share my home and the city I love with interesting people from all parts of the world. A couple years later when the economy took a dive I was laid off from my job. Sharing my home ended up saving me from foreclosure.

I currently manage multiple Airbnb listings for clients who want to share their homes part-time and full-time, but aren’t able to manage this effort themselves. I am extremely picky about who I allow as guests and state up-front in my listings that we only welcome guests who can be good neighbors (respectful behavior, no loud voices, parties, etc.). I reiterate this before the guests arrive as well as at the arrival. After hosting literally hundreds of people over 6 years, I’ve only had 1 slightly problematic guest.

Sincerely,

Lisa Laursen
From: James Brubaker [mailto: jamesbrubaker@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 5:13 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Short Term Rentals

Dear Director Rivers,

Please allow for Principal Residential whole house short-term rentals to be included in your regulatory framework, loosen density restrictions to allow full participation of all operators, eliminate off-street parking requirements and allow streamlined OneStop online permitting instead of the onerous and resource-depleting conditional use application process.

Regards,

Jim Brubaker
Dear Mr. Rivers: I am writing to express my support for whole, non-owner occupied short term rentals in New Orleans.

I have been a home owner and resident in New Orleans for 26 years. In that time I have seen many changes to the way New Orleans does business, attracts tourists, and has fun. But one thing remains the same: the people of New Orleans are independent, self-motivated and resourceful. They are the real reason that New Orleans is a proud and popular city. Please don't take away their ability to earn money from their real estate.

Over the years, home prices have skyrocketed, property taxes have skyrocketed, insurance costs have skyrocketed, SWB prices have tripled, parking costs have increased, sales tax has increased.... Short term rentals help residents and property owners keep up with these escalating costs. In the end, what is ownership worth if so many ownership rights are curtailed?

No doubt you have studied the evolution of the Internet and e-commerce. I believe it would be short-sighted of your commission to overlook the way the city, the state, the country and in fact the world is doing business. Look at Amazon. Look at Uber. 10 years ago music was recorded on CDs!!! You just can't stop these changes. Please don't try to stand in the way of progress. Please allow New Orleans to grow as a proud and popular city.

Thank you

Jonathan
From: Robert D. Rivers
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 10:45 AM
To: Nicholas J. Kindel
Subject: FW: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

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The planning commission should carefully consider what substantial changes to the ability of owners to rent to visitors will have on the local real estate market. It would result in a crash of values and would be about as severe as another hurricane. The French Quarter would see massive lowering of property values and a drop in tax base not unlike the oil bust of the 1980s.
From: Jessi Sanborn [mailto:jessi@sissywood.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 7:29 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

Hi David,

Please allow for Principal Residential whole house short-term rentals to be included in your regulatory framework, loosen density restrictions to allow full participation of all operators, eliminate off-street parking requirements and allow streamlined OneStop online permitting instead of the onerous and resource-depleting conditional use application process.

Sincerely,

Jessi Sanborn
Sissy Wood Realtors
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jessi@sissywood.com
From: Matilde Alberny [mailto:matildealberny@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 9:47 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

Dear Mr Rivers
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Sincerely,
Matilde Alberny
504.250.8993
www.MatildeAlberny.com
Dear Director Rivers:

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Sincerely,

George Pope, MD
Dear David Rivers,

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Sincerely,

Janice Burrell
Dear Director David Rivers

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Sincerely,

Lisa Pulitzer
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Sincerely,

Gary Zoller
Subject: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

Dear Director for David Ramirez

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Sincerely,

Lewin and Cathy Williams
Dear Director Rivers,

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The vast majority of us are honest, law abiding people. We want to be good neighbors and responsible hosts.

We need common sense rules that are easy to understand and easy to follow.

Sincerely,

Polly Hardie
Dear Director Rivers,

I own a single family home that I rent out. The 1900s home was in dire shape prior to my purchasing the home. I employed multiple craftsmen to renovate the home. I have a local landscaper and house keeper that I employ every week. Additionally, I purchase gift certificates from one of my favorite local neighborhood restaurants for every one of my visitors. 90% of the time, my guests eat at restaurants near the house (I am located off of Magazine Street, so there are many choices). Everyone one of my guests tell me they love living like a local and their favorite part their stay is going to all of the local haunts I have recommended. I also have local art displayed in my house and have connected several guests with local artists. This is what short term rental is all about... connecting guests with our local culture.

The majority of my guests do not rent a car, so off street parking should not be a stipulation.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Heidi Hayne Schrimsher
Dear Director Rivers,

My home of 16 years is 3 feet away from an illegal short-term rental. The owner has never spent a single night in this house and still claims his homestead (primary residence) exemption on this property. It sleeps 10. We are awakened by loud parties, music blasting and the back yard lit up like an airport runway! I don't object to people supplementing their income by renting a room or even one side of a double if they are also on site, but I did not buy this house to live next door to a hotel...a poorly run hotel at that!

Sincerely,

Mary Moses
From: Robert D. Rivers  
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 10:40 AM  
To: Nicholas J. Kindel  
Subject: FW: Please support locals hosting tourists who want to stay in our home

From: gbbooking@cox.net [mailto:gbbooking@cox.net]  
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 8:36 AM  
To: Robert D. Rivers  
Subject: Please support locals hosting tourists who want to stay in our home

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Thank you  
Brandon Tarr
Dear David Rivers

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Sincerely,

Sarah K. Mack, MSPH, PhD, CFM
President and CEO
Tierra Resources LLC
1310 Saint Andrew St. Suite 1
New Orleans, LA 70130
504-339-4547
tierraresourcesllc.com
Dear David Rivers

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Sincerely,

John Bozzelle
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Sincerely,

Hal Phillips

1434 Louisiana Ave.
Dear Director Rivers,

Please allow for Principal Residential whole house short-term rentals to be included in your regulatory framework.

Density: I agree that density should be limited to one or two per block or block face.

Parking: Not everyone drives in or rents a car, especially now with the advent of Uber/ ride share services. Consider an off street parking requirement of one car for every two bedrooms, as most people will be riding together with others in their group.

Permitting: Allow streamlined OneStop online permitting instead of the onerous and resource-depleting conditional use application process. Similar to B & B permits, perhaps the annual permit would be at the rate of $100-$200 per room. This would be revenue in addition to the sales tax.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Cynthia Riggs
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Sincerely,

Michael
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Sincerely,

James Brubaker
On Sat, Jun 4, 2016 at 12:34, Samuel Carvalho

Dear:

Director David Rivers;
Council member Stacy Head;
Council member Jason Williams;
Council member Susan Guidry;
Council member LaToya Cantrell;
Council member Nadine Ramsey;
Council member Jared Brossett;
Council member James Gray

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Sincerely,

Sam Carvalho

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android
Dear Director Rivers,

I have thoroughly reviewed the CPC Short-term Rental Study and appreciate the thoroughness of the report. It seems to offer options that are very reasonable for citizens, home owners and the City as well as much-needed revenue. One issue for concern is the size limitation with regards to the number of guests, which limits 3 guests for a 2 bedroom STR. This has a very negative impact on the small units as typically 2 people book per bedroom. I request that this be considered to increase to 4 guests even if there are further regulations that will need to be changed and/or enforced.

Being an Airbnb host is an important economic lifeline for my family and many other middle class families in our city. The extra income I receive from home sharing helps offset monthly household expenses like rent/mortgage, utilities, etc. This income allows me to continue to live in this great city, own multiple short and long-term rental properties and be a very responsible owner.

Home sharing is also a boost for small businesses, which I am a strong supporter. I like to recommend local businesses for our guests to visit - cafes, restaurants, shops, and local treasures that need consistent business and visitors may not otherwise know about.

We love living in New Orleans. A big reason why I love home sharing is that it gives me a chance to show off what I love about living here and be an ambassador for our great city and all that it has to offer.

The vast majority of us are honest, law abiding people. We want to be good neighbors and responsible hosts. We need common sense rules that are easy to understand and easy to follow.

Thank you for your service and time to address the issues that are so important to many.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Ferguson
From: Wayne James [mailto:waynejam1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 5:23 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

Dear Honorable Director Rivers:

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Sincerely

Wayne J. James, J.D., L.L.M.
New Orleans, LA  70119
(504) 236-5608; (504) 302-4299 (fax)

Privileged and Confidential
Dear Mr. Rivers,

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Sincerely,

Gerry White
From: duquegustavo@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 6:18 AM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

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Sincerely

--
Gustavo Duque
504.214.3123

www.GustavoDuque.com
Ladies, Gentlemen,
As a department leader in the hotel industry I see firsthand how slowdown in business affect or associates; many depend on the regular paycheck to feed their families and maintain a respectable lifestyle.
I understand that you are about to pass a bill legalizing short term rental in New Orleans and I strongly oppose it for the reason mentioned above, The hotel industry employs more than 80,000 people. This industry is the dominant employer in our tourism-driven economy. The rise in unregulated, illegal, short-term rentals threatens this very industry. Short-term rentals do not increase local employment and cost New Orleanians jobs. Therefore, I strongly oppose short-term rentals being made legal and allowed to increase in number. Please oppose whole house rentals in their entirety. Please oppose short term rentals in the Vieux Carre.

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Simply put, short-term rentals kill hospitality industry jobs. Short term rentals require no front desk staff, no concierge, no bellhop, no maid, no doorman, no general manager, no accountant, and the list goes on. Our hotel industry provides good paying jobs year-round. Please do not allow whole house rentals that provide no employment opportunities. And please keep short term rentals out of the French Quarter.

Thank you,

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From: Eddie Jacobs <ejacobs@highpointe.com>
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 6:31 PM
To: Nicholas J. Kindel
Subject: Adamantly Against Short Term Rentals

My name is Eddie Jacobs and want to express my disapproval for Short Term Rentals.

New hotels have been effectively banned in the French Quarter for many years. Short-term rentals have found a loophole in these laws and continue to inject units for transient guests to take over the Quarter. This must stop. Please enforce the ban of new hotel rooms in the French Quarter so that it has a chance of remaining a mixed-use community with places for residents to live.

According to the short-term rental study, there are between 2,400 and 4,000 different short-term rental listings in the City of New Orleans and about 70% of these are whole unit rentals. This means that between 1,680 to 2,800 units would be made available to permanent residents if whole house, short-term rentals were prohibited and this prohibition was enforced. This enforcement is critical and would have a massive impact on the housing crisis in New Orleans. For this reason, I respectfully request that the city prohibit and enforce prohibition of whole home rentals.

Thanks in advance for your understanding my concern as a hotelier....

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We have an affordable housing crisis in the City of New Orleans. The shortage of housing has been proven on many levels. According to the Housing NOLA study, we need 33,000 more units in this city to combat the housing shortage and correlative inflation in housing prices and rental prices. For every short-term rental operating illegally in this city, there is the loss of a housing unit on the market. Therefore, the existing housing crisis is being exacerbated on a large scale by short-term rentals. For this reason, I oppose whole house, short-term rentals in the city.

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Dear Director Rivers,

I am writing today to voice my support of having Airbnb opportunities in New Orleans. I understand that there is a need for regulations in order to preserve fair housing prices and availability for full-time rentals, as well as, preserving the integrity and culture of our neighborhoods.

However, most of the hotels are located downtown, making it difficult for people who want or need to be in other neighborhoods throughout the city. For instance, in the areas where our Universities are located, there are few options for parents and grandparents to stay nearby.

As a host, I live in my house and am here for every guest to make sure they have what they need and know about all of the local restaurants and music venues in the neighborhood.

I am very willing to comply with fire or other regulations, as everyone should always feel safe.

The income provided by renting out part of my house allows me to cover the high property taxes. As a documentary filmmaker, I would not be able to afford to stay in my neighborhood.

My neighbors have told me that they have no issues at all and say they are not even aware that there are guests staying with me. I know of other owners around me that also live in their houses and rent out a few rooms. I am not in any way affected negatively by visitors coming and going.

Most of all, if you read the reviews from visitors staying in the homes of residence, you can see that their experience is fantastic and are committed to returning to the city.

Thank you for your consideration of my views and experience with being an Airbnb host.

Sincerely,

Phoebe Ferguson
Dear Director Rivers,

Being a VRBO/Homeaway host is an important economic lifeline for my family and many other middle class families in our city. The extra income I receive from home sharing helps offset monthly household expenses like rent/mortgage, groceries, utilities, etc. This income allows me to continue to live in this great city.

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We need common sense rules that are easy to understand and easy to follow.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bob Rivers,

I am writing to express my support for vacation rentals in New Orleans. The positive aspects they have brought to our Ferret street area neighborhoods are countless.

Please allow for Principal Residential whole house short-term rentals to be included in your regulatory framework, loosen density restrictions to allow full participation by all operators, eliminate off-street parking requirements and allow streamlined OneStop online permitting instead of the onerous and resource-depleting conditional use application process.

Thank you
James Harding
Dear Mr. Rivers,

Regarding Short Term Rentals in New Orleans, Please allow for

- Principal Residential whole house short-term rentals to be included in your regulatory framework
- loosened density restrictions to allow full participation of all operators
- streamlined OneStop online permitting instead of the onerous and resource-depleting conditional use application process.

Sincerely,

Doe Moriarty
Dear Director Rivers,

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Regards,

Richard W. Johnson
Dear Director Rivers,

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Sincerely,

J. Lindhall
Dear Director Rivers,

I have a new family with little ones. Short-term rentals are great, but for me, the only ones that I use are those that are non-owner occupied. These allow my family to stay in a home where 1) there is a real kitchen that we can use, 2) there isn't anyone there that my kids will disturb, annoy, or abuse, and 3) there are separate rooms where we can allow our youngest to sleep at appropriate hours without the rest of the family having to tiptoe around her or sit in the dark.

No other travel accommodations meet these requirements.

I am constantly telling my friends outside of New Orleans what a great family place New Orleans is. But as things stand, it is not simple to visit New Orleans with a family. It would be wonderful to open up our city to new family's like mine, so that they can wander beyond Bourbon Street with a stroller, and enjoy what I love about New Orleans.

Best wishes,

Charlie Marts

504-233-8228
5000 Perrier Street
New Orleans, LA 70115
Dear City Planning Commission Director Rivers:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Polly Hardie
Dear council member,

Please place your support behind and allow for Principal Residential whole house short-term rentals to be included in your regulatory framework.

This is a very important support for our home ownership in New Orleans and allows us extra capital to continue much needed and VERY EXPENSIVE renovations and upkeep on our 1840's building. With the extra money that our unit owners are able to make when they are not in residence, we have been able to put over 20,000$ back into our building in the past year and plan to do the same this year.

Our guests do not drive, they fly in, so PLEASE eliminate the off street parking requirements.

Please loosen density restrictions to allow full participation of all operators.

And allow streamlined OneStop online permitting instead of the onerous and resource-depleting conditional use application.

Responsible owners who want to rent their whole house when not in residence want to pay our fair share of taxes to the city, please give us the opportunity.

We have never had any issues with guests having wild parties, they have all been mature, 40+ year old responsible people wanting to enjoy the comforts of home while visiting our great city.

We greatly appreciate your support and hope that you will see all of the BENEFITS of SHORT TERM whole house rentals provides both owners, visitors and our wonderful city.
Sincerely,

Michael Gallacher
Dear Mister Rivers,

Please allow for Principal Residential whole house short-term rentals to be included in your regulatory framework, loosen density restrictions to allow full participation of all operators, eliminate off-street parking requirements and allow streamlined OneStop online permitting instead of the onerous and resource-depleting conditional use application process.

Sincerely,

Dennis Jones
Dear Director Rivers,

I am an Ambassador for New Orleans!

Being a short and mid-term rental host, utilizing Airbnb and VRBO, is an important economic lifeline for my family and many other middle class families in our city. The extra income I receive from home sharing helps offset monthly household expenses like rent/mortgage, groceries, utilities, etc. This income allows me to continue to live in this great city.

Home sharing is also a boost for small businesses. I like to recommend LOCAL businesses for our guests to visit - cafes, restaurants, shops, and local treasures that visitors may not otherwise know about.

Sucre cupcakes, Kleinpeter dairy, Abita beer, Chiquita bananas, and French Market coffee is provided for ALL guests.

A local guide is provided telling guests of favorite restaurants, bars and shops that are walking distance to the house. This is to keep the money in the neighborhoods! Guests love exploring another side of New Orleans and living as a local.

And, house rules are provided in advance and upon arrival so all guests understand they are in a residential neighborhood. They are living as locals and need to be good neighbors, too!

Many of my guests are returning locals that want to be in their neighborhood around family or friends.

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Sincerely,

Christian Galvin
Director David Rivers:

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Being unable to afford to purchase a property in the FQR I have been a rental tenant since 1995. In 2007 we rented from what is considered to be a slum property owner. Over the course of this time I have invested over $75,000, not including rents, into the property. This owner would never have invested that amount of money in what was an extremely dilapidated property. This is a benefit not only to the property owner directly but also the surrounding neighbors. The neighbors are grateful that we rented this home along with 3 of the 5 courtyard apartments that are on site. Each unit has been greatly improved. One of the units was deemed uninhabitable and unfit for coverage by the owner’s liability insurance. I rented that unit and now it is one of the owner’s best properties.

My investment, as a Lessee, has brought a huge impact on the neighboring homes and businesses in my area. I live fulltime now in the main house 1st floor. I rent the other units to long and short term tenants. Being on site or only a couple miles away is what makes the biggest impact in my opinion. I think that is why the rental units being sublet in the short term is successful for me. If a rental tenant, homeowner or their property manager can be onsite within 30 minutes or less to solve any issues then that is reasonable. I have managed investment properties for the last 17 years both as an employee and as a co-owner, properties both residential and commercial.

With proper and reasonable regulation in place this is a doable action for our wonderful city. The world as we all know is getting to be much smaller and people want to experience our lives as a "local". All of my guests have a notebook we created with countless businesses and services offered in the area for them enjoy.
All of us working together, instead of being divided, is what can make this an asset for residents, businesses and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

Ina Magee
Rental Resident in New Orleans 1999
From: Robert D. Rivers
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 4:07 PM
To: Nicholas J. Kindel
Subject: FW: Support Short-Term Rental!

From: jeanann_70435@yahoo.com [mailto:jeanann_70435@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 1:28 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Fwd: Support Short-Term Rental!

Begin forwarded message:

From: jeanann_70435@yahoo.com
Date: June 3, 2016 at 1:27:37 PM CDT
To: "cpcinfo@nola.gov" <cpcinfo@nola.gov>
Subject: Support Short-Term Rental!

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Dear Director Rivers,

Please allow whole house short-term rentals to be included in your regulatory framework, loosen density restrictions to allow full participation of all operators, eliminate off-street parking requirements and allow streamlined OneStop online permitting instead of the onerous and resource-depleting conditional use application process. Short term rentals are an important aspect of tourism, can provide much needed tax revenue, and can assist in the renovation and maintenance of homes throughout the city. Establishing regulations that are reasonable and simple to satisfy will ensure maximum compliance.

Sincerely,

Africa E. Davidson
Dear Director Rivers,

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Thank you kindly,

Alex Ramirez
From: Jessica Manley [mailto:jessie.manley@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 3:43 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

Dear David,

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Sincerely,

Jessica

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Jessica C. Manley

(c) 602 451 2829
(c) jessie.manley@gmail.com
Dear David Rivers,

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Sincerely,

Lee Ali
Dear Director Rivers,

I have spoken to some of you in person at length about the issue of Airbnb and other STR sites and I am well aware that these kind of messages are rarely read or even opened. However, I feel strongly about this issue and I feel it is my duty write you in advance of the coming vote on STRs.

I first and foremost should state that hosting on Airbnb has saved my husband and myself from financial ruin. We listed our rental after it was finished almost immediately since we had a case of corrupt contractor that ran on the job early footing us with a big bill and an unfinished house. Our property is located on N Claiborne Ave in front of the lovely I-10 overpass (da bridge). This neighborhood has seen everything from elevated crime to severe blight as many of you know from growing up here. My husband and I bought here because it was all we could afford in our price range and we could overlook the traffic due to its proximity to the Vieux Carré. We were shocked that we could not find a renter so we kept adding more and more amenities until it was fully decorated and finished for move in thanks to the generosity of my mom from out of state. We were struggling to pay our bills at this point and decided to try Airbnb to see if anyone would even be interested. Not only were individuals interested but they absolutely loved the neighborhood and its offerings, second line, impromptu jazz, and super friendly neighbors. These people our spending money here and keeping the magic alive.

This brings me to the issue that we are facing as a city that these Short Term Rentals, however not fully legal, are the central stage of attack right now. Many are you are well aware blame these units for the de-neighborization of their blocks and high rent. I find these points easier to remedy below, however STR's are not to be fully at blame for the rent issue happening in the city. I have seen some of the issue firsthand from a fierce advocate against STR's and its easy to see the issues that need to addressed. First, a blanket ban on them is useless unless you have an enforcement mechanism in place which as we know is very costly and will eventually stop being efficient placing the future council of the city to decide which hopefully you do not choose to do. If you take the advice of the City Planning Commision of only allowing single bedrooms for STR's know you are only helping keep those with multiple bedrooms profitable. People with this recommendation will simply permit all the bedrooms of their full units. The solutions to me are clear as a host I am willing and happy to have a tax leveraged on us per stay just like hotels and other BnBs have to pay. To make this work you will need to leverage the sites to collect the tax for you NOT the hosts (who will become delinquent without enforcement). This money should not go to the CVB however but to improvements of neighborhood infrastructure and policing or affordable housing options to be peppered in all neighborhoods since it is the neighborhoods that are now being traversed more. The next compromise I suggest is a per block permitting limit, this I know is
not the want of AirBnb itself but if a block is limited to say three permits, those who are in desperate need, such as myself, will be the first to apply. Another proposal is to assure that a host is in the city or region to manage their guests, require a re-permitting every 3 to 6 months. If that is too much from an investor from Atlanta to do then problem solved but for those of us who take pride in showing the city to those who want to learn have no issue to do this to keep our helpful income of this side job. My final proposal to you is that you require all STR sites to have neighbor complaint system that is easy to use so that negligent hosts can be eliminated.

AirBnB is in my opinion much more proactive in being responsible than these other sites and has a great guest and host response. I hope you will consider that many citizens that do host need it desperately to stay in the city. Tourists coming and loving these neighborhoods and are choosing to return because STR’s have made the visit affordable to them finally and give a glimpse at what those us who live here love, how lively the city is. Please consider the benefits this service has for the city and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Barrett DeLong
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Humberto Alvarado

Sent from my iPhone
Good day,

As a proud, native New Orleanian and career hospitality employee of this great city, the short-term rental business model greatly concerns me in that we are taking away the futures of many of our residents. We have always taken great pride in creating a culture of southern hospitality to the hundreds of thousands of visitors we host from around the globe each year. These foundations are built by hotel companies and other businesses who help create loyalty for customers so they not only enjoy themselves on their current trip, but return in the future.

To mitigate an unregulated system with nameless, faceless owners who have no desire to promote the history and culture of New Orleans transforms our city into every other city where uniqueness does not exist. It would be an injustice to all of us who call New Orleans and the surrounding area home. We take away what makes New Orleans special - the people. Yes, the jobs as well. But more importantly, the people in their truest form. I know the great pride that our people have in this city. It translates to our hospitality industry and visitors yearn for that love of city and culture. It is what keeps them coming back again and again and in turn creates more jobs for us now and in the future.

The city relies so strongly on our hospitality industry. That industry employs more than 80,000 people. The increase in unregulated, short-term rentals is a huge threat to this crucial industry. Short-term rentals do nothing for local employment and in fact they take away jobs within the hospitality industry, and they take away the personal interactions of our greatest ambassadors - New Orleanians. For this reason, I strongly oppose short-term whole house rentals being made legal.

Joseph Quilio
Director of Operations
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Service-industry workers including employees of our hotels and restaurants, depend on affordable housing near our jobs. For more than 50 years, the French Quarter has maintained a balance of housing and hotel rooms to create a truly mixed income and mixed use community. Violating the 50 year moratorium to allow housing units in the French Quarter to be transformed into short term rentals takes away housing opportunities for service industry workers. Most importantly, it takes away opportunities to have access to apartments and homes near our jobs. We oppose any short term rentals in the French Quarter. We oppose whole house rentals across the city. Simply put, short-term rentals kill hospitality industry jobs. Short term rentals require no front desk staff, no concierge, no bellhop, no maid, no doorman, no general manager, no accountant, and the list goes on. Our hotel industry provides good paying jobs year-round. Please do not allow whole house rentals that provide no employment opportunities. And please keep short term rentals out of the French Quarter.

I am against short term rentals. There is NO evidence that short term rentals bring any more visitors to cities. Short term rentals split up the pie in a way that kills jobs. New Orleans doesn’t need short term rentals outside of an owner-occupied double with a homestead exemption.

The hotel industry employs more than 80,000 people. This industry is the dominant employer in our tourism-driven economy. The rise in unregulated, illegal, short-term rentals threatens this very industry. Short-term rentals do not increase local employment and cost New Orleanians jobs. Therefore, I strongly oppose short-term rentals being made legal and allowed to increase in number. Please oppose whole house rentals in their entirety. Please oppose short term rentals in the Vieux Carre.

Thank you for your time,
Service Industry Worker!!

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Milton Gautreaux
Dear Director Rivers,

I'm writing to voice support for airbnb hosting in New Orleans. The additional income I receive is the only way I am able to continue to be an urban farmer and host a community garden in New Orleans. Many of my fellow hosts are starting or managing their own businesses while supplementing with hosting. This is vital for the creativity and future economic diversity of our city. My guests are low-impact to the neighborhood (typically having no cars as opposed to my previous renters who always had two). And they eat most of their meals at local restaurants, thus supporting the neighborhood economy. While the city is evaluating airbnb, approvals are being made all around in my neighborhood for major commercial residential projects (5 story condos at the Frye Meat Packing Plant, hostel/entertainment complex on the corner of Mazant and Royal) that will actually have a major impact on parking, density, displacement of current residents and the culture of the neighborhood. Allowing medium to low-income residents to supplement their income with airbnb is letting us hang on.

Thank you,

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Megan Webbeking
Dear Committee Members,

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Regards
Eric Bay
8430 Pritchard Place
New Orleans, La 70118
(504) 231-2712

-----Original Message-----
From: Nautical [mailto:nauticalbay@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 9:03 AM
To: CPCinfo; Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Please broaden your regulatory framework

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Dear Director Rivers:

Please allow for Principal Residential whole house short-term rentals to be included in your regulatory framework, loosen density restrictions to allow full participation of all operators, eliminate off-street parking requirements and allow streamlined OneStop online permitting instead of the onerous and resource-depleting conditional use application process.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth Dowty
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From: Jeffrey Borchardt [mailto:jabnpain@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 2:38 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

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Jacob Berman
From: Robert D. Rivers
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 11:19 AM
To: Nicholas J. Kindel
Subject: FW: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

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From: Julian Landry [mailto:julianlandry92@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 2:44 PM
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From: Adrianne Jackson [mailto:ajaxtheyogi16@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 2:52 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
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Dear Director Rivers,

Being an Airbnb host has changed and saved my life! I am often the 1st Ambassador for people visiting New Orleans and if you look at my reviews I do a remarkable job at it and this only reflects positively on New Orleans! Because I have been an international traveler I know exactly what people are looking for and can accommodate them accordingly. Staying at a hotel 100% robs people from the dynamic, raw and authentic experiences New Orleans has to offer. For instance a neighbors Crawfish Boil, or a local 2nd line for Prince or David Bowie, these are once of a lifetime historic experiences that most tourists staying in a hotel miss. These common yet very significant opportunities become accessible and available to people coming to visit who are staying in neighborhoods. I always go out my way beyond what any hotel concierge can do to direct folks to the best local restaurants, events and shops, places that I frequent regularly.

Countless people have expanded their mind in a positive way about New Orleans and the various experiences that can be had here. They leave with wonderful memories of New Orleans making plans to soon return.

On a personal note I was fired from my job 10 months ago, strategically and with so much hard work I have used a good amount of money I earn from airbnb to live but to also help me open my own business, so in September I will have my own new small business. And as a young African American women I am not sure if that would have ever been possible!

We are living in a new day an age where we have to allow for creative forms of expression and earnings. Airbnb has helped me expand myself and start a new business that will provide a top quality service to the great residents of New Orleans and her visitors!

I have countless of examples of how airbnb is serving the city, her image, her treasures and her short and long term goals! We need common sense rules that are easy to understand and easy to follow.

Thank you for your time and I hope that they city will work fairly with us.

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The vast majority of us are honest, law abiding people and the home sharing community really regulates its landlords by sharing reviews and experiences publicly across the network. Landlords who don’t take care of their properties don’t get business. We all want to be good neighbors and responsible hosts.

We need common sense rules that are easy to understand and easy to follow. If the Mayor and city council are truly concerned with the well being of New Orleans residents, look into the approximately 45,000 substandard long term rentals that are in dire need of repair across the city. We already hold ourselves to a much higher standard than the city imposes on long term landlords.

Sincerely,

Samuel Burgess
Dear Director Rivers,

My name is Carolyn Sinclair. I have been a homeowner in the Marigny Triangle since 2001.

One of the first things my husband and I did when we moved in was to get a BnB license. We have had it ever since.

Before Katrina, we were members of the B and B Association and used them for all of our bookings. Since Airbnb and VRBO arrived on the scene with all of their perks - they handle the money, have a worldwide audience, do incredible marketing, etc..., we have used them as our booking agents.

As this is a major source of income for us, I am acutely aware of the fight that is going on about Short Term Rentals in the city.

I want to state that I firmly believe for the city not to be overrun by STR's three things must be in order:

1. All STR’s should be owner occupied. We have architecture here in New Orleans - slave quarters, double shotguns, creole cottage and more, all offer unique opportunities for owners to rent some of their property while residing there as well.

2. All STR’s should be licensed by the city. I believe that the current rule of one B and B per block FACE is an excellent way to keep the number of STR’s from taking over neighborhoods.

3. All STR’s should be taxed by the city. Currently, properties with one or two bedrooms do not have to pay taxes. This is crazy. All STR’s should pay taxes.

I believe strongly that there is room in New Orleans for STR’s but there must be rules in place to keep neighborhoods intact.

Thank you,

Carolyn Sinclair
1914 Burgundy St.
New Orleans, LA 70116
504-473-9997

Sincerely,

Carolyn Sinclair
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From: Randal Baker [mailto:michaelbrinybreezes@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 3:04 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
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Sincerely,

Reneia Hernandez
-----Original Message-----
From: Tom Martinez [mailto:Bigeasy1337@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 4:44 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
Subject: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

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Sincerely,

Keely Williams
Dear Director Rivers,

Being an Airbnb host is an important economic lifeline for many middle class families in our city. While I don’t currently Airbnb my home knowing that it is an option is nice as it would be the additional income. Which is needed given the inflated taxes and low pay wages in this city. As a member of the hospitality community I wouldn't think this city would limit visitors experiences here. Airbnb is apart of that experience.

Home sharing is also a boost for small businesses. It makes small neighborhood restaurants, bars etc more accessible to visitors. We want people to know New Orleans is more than downtown and the French Quarter, allow them to experience this through home sharing.

I love living in New Orleans and would love to share the city from my point of view which home sharing does.

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Sincerely,

Cara Blackledge
From: Robert D. Rivers
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 11:13 AM
To: Nicholas J. Kindel
Subject: FW: Support Home Sharing in New Orleans

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From: Stephen Patterson [mailto:Hammerp@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 6:22 PM
To: Robert D. Rivers
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Glen Steeb
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Sincerely,

Dolly Barrios
Dear Director Rivers,

Being an Airbnb host is an important economic lifeline for my family and many other middle class families in our city. The extra income I receive from home sharing helps offset rising taxes and insurance costs. This income allows me to continue to live in this great city and to keep the home that I love. Most of my guests stay long term and I shouldn’t be penalized for the few short terms that I do occasionally get.

Home sharing is also a boost for small businesses. I like to recommend local businesses for our guests to visit - cafes, restaurants, shops, and local treasures that visitors may not otherwise know about. I have several suggestions in my home manual.

We love living in New Orleans. A big reason why I love home sharing is that it gives me a chance to show off what I love about living here. And it gives visitors a real feel for the city. Hey can walk to places that locals frequent and not go to large franchise restaurants.

The vast majority of us are honest, law abiding people. We want to be good neighbors and responsible hosts.

Please don't penalize me for wanting to share my home with people who want a local experience.

Sincerely,

Joy Braud
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Sincerely,

Brandy Roden
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I understand the complexity of the problems. However, with neighborhoods being overrun with short term rental and the potential for nuisance to neighbors. However, I live on site and am here to monitor guests.

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Sincerely,

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We love living in New Orleans. A big reason why I love home sharing is that it gives me a chance to show off what I love about living here. I am a tour guide here, stayed through Katrina as a first responder and I am a huge ambassador for this city of my ancestors.

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We need common sense rules that are easy to understand and easy to follow and ones that do not allow anyone that is not a resident to own an Airbnb.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Storme Okeefe
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We love living in New Orleans. A big reason why I love home sharing is that it gives me a chance to show off what I love about living here. We leave local gifts for our guests such as pralines and handmade local art souvenirs.

The vast majority of us are honest, law abiding people. We want to be good neighbors and responsible hosts. We make sure our homes are safe with alarms, and fire extinguishers. We actually maintain our homes better than many neighbors as we want our guests to have a great experience. It's safe for both parties. PayPal is used for payment and each rental is backed by insurance. We are 1099'd so we are paying income tax on the profits.

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Kim Parmarco@aol.com
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Many hosts share spaces in their homes when it is convenient for them to host guests, and would not be interested in renting put those rooms full time. I have had nothing but positive experiences with my guests who have always been respectful and gracious ofy neighborhood.

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Lisa Orwig
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Home sharing is also a boost for small businesses. During large events such as the Superbowl, Mardi Gras, and Essence, hotels can be hard to find, so people stay outside of the New Orleans area which means regionally we lose out on a lot of food and lodging revenue. We always recommend local businesses for our guests to visit - cafes, restaurants, shops, and local treasures that visitors may not otherwise know about.

So let’s keep the revenue here, and keep the cultural exchange flowing. The vast majority of us are honest, law abiding people. We want to be good neighbors and responsible hosts, but we need common sense rules that are easy to understand and easy to follow.

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Cheri’ Ben-Iesau