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Ahead of State Reopening, Neighbors Launch Door-to-Door Canvass After Landlord Converts Rent-Controlled Home into an Allegedly Illegal Hostel

As California lifts restrictions on June 15, Angelenos demand City enforce rules against illegal hotels and party houses

Better Neighbors LA continues summer-long campaign to protect rent-controlled housing from illegal short-term rental onslaught

Who: [Better Neighbors LA](#), neighbors, laid-off hospitality workers and community

What: Press conference and socially-distanced door-to-door canvass to collect letters to the City

When: Monday, June 14 from 11am-12noon

Where: 1288 S. Orange Drive, Los Angeles, 90019

Los Angeles, CA: As the state reopens on June 15, advocates with Better Neighbors LA continue their summer-long campaign to push the City of Los Angeles to prevent the conversion of affordable housing into unlawful short-term rentals for tourists.

Better Neighbors LA, neighborhood residents and laid-off hospitality workers will go door-to-door to ask neighbors to sign letters to the City Planning Department and Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas urging them to enforce the Home Sharing Ordinance. They will also hand out window and lawn signs to inform guests they're staying in an allegedly illegal hostel.

Neighbors have complained multiple times about the property at 1288 S. Orange about the landlord conversion of a rent-controlled home into a hostel packed with beds. As a result of the unlawful short-term rental, the quiet residential street has seen an increase in car break-ins, noise, litter and disturbances. Impacted neighbors report that hostel guests regularly leave beer bottles, cigarettes and used syringes on their lawns. The increase in summer travel will only bring more disturbances to the neighborhood.

Better Neighbors LA operates a [website and hotline](#) that enables residents and neighbors to report short-term rentals that violate the city's Home Sharing Ordinance (HSO). Along with neighborhood advocates, Better Neighbors will resume door-to-door literature drops around alleged illegal short-term rentals until the City increases [enforcement](#) of the HSO.

Los Angeles passed the Home Sharing Ordinance in 2018 to address a crisis-level shortage of affordable housing and the negative effects of short-term rentals on neighborhoods and communities. The Ordinance limits home sharing to primary residences and requires hosts of short-term rentals to register for a permit. It also prohibits host platforms from processing bookings for listings without a valid City Home Sharing registration number and from using housing units under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance as short-term rentals.

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Better Neighbors LA is a coalition of Southern California hosts, tenants, housing activists, hotel workers, and community members. We believe the best way to support true sharing for hosts and guests is also the best way to protect jobs, housing, and communities: by curbing illegal commercial activity in the short-term rental industry.