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**Neighbors of Alleged AirBnB Party House Go Door-to-Door**

**to Help Enforce City’s Rules**

***Decrying lax public enforcement of LA Home Sharing Ordinance, activists to launch their own hotline and website***

**Los Angeles, CA:**A coalition of community members, laid-off hospitality workers, and housing activists launched a door-to-door literature drop Monday for neighbors of an alleged AirBnB party house in Silverlake, aiming to share information about a new hotline and website for Angelenos to report illegal short-term rentals. Community members vow to go door-to-door in every district in the City of LA with alleged illegal short-term rentals until the City steps up enforcement the Home Sharing Ordinance.

***“I am a super local in the Echo Park and Silverlake area; I've been a resident over 46 years. It's been a struggle to find proper affordable housing in my community as I work a good-paying job but spend 75% of my income to maintain a roof over my family. I can’t afford to have short-term rental remove any unit of housing from the housing market in these times" said Karla Andara, UNITE HERE Local 11 member.***

The coalition, Better Neighbors LA, delivered a formal complaint against the rental from a neighbor, Lilly Taylor, to the City Planning Department Development Services Center. Better Neighbors LA recently released [a review showing that the city’s poor enforcement of the Home Sharing Ordinance has left the city inundated with illegal short-term rentals.](https://bit.ly/LAHSOrev)

Online listings on sites like AirBnB claim the property, located at 1668 Redesdale Avenue, is exempt from the Home Sharing Ordinance while warning potential guests “Since neighbors may be sensitive with strangers, no need to contact them but the host” and to “Not mention Airbnb in the residential area.”

***“My family & I moved here in April. It was our dream to raise the kids on a safe, quiet, residential, family-friendly street. Instead, we’ve been living next door to a hotel & night club posing as an Airbnb rental since September. I contacted Better Neighbors LA because no one else would listen. The City of Los Angeles is not enforcing its rules and is failing my neighborhood.” said Lilly Taylor, Silverlake resident and neighbor of the alleged party house****.*

Neighbors say they have repeatedly reported late-night parties and other nuisances at the short-term rental and that their calls to AirBnB, the City Planning Department, and LAPD have failed to improve matters.

***"I was displaced from Silver Lake when my landlord decided to convert my apartment to a short-term rental. it is shameful that the City of Los Angeles is not doing the most basic enforcement of the law we passed last year to protect our housing." Bill Pryzlucki, Executive Director, Ground Game***

Better Neighbors LA’s new website and hotline enables residents to report short-term rentals violating the city’s Home Sharing Ordinance or hosting holiday parties in violation of state and city stay-at-home orders.

***“When it passed the Home Sharing Ordinance, the city promised it would be responsive to neighbor concerns and would control short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods.  This is just one of many communities in our City that has reported illegal short-term rental activity and is still waiting for the City to enforce its rules.  They deserve the protection and responsiveness that the City promised” Said Nancy Hanna of Better Neighbors LA.***

Los Angeles passed the Home Sharing Ordinance in 2018 to address an extreme shortage of affordable housing and the negative effects of short-term rentals on long-term housing markets. The Ordinance strictly 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.

Despite the lack of enforcement of the existing Ordinance, the Los Angeles Planning Committee, led by Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, recently voted 3–1 to move to the full council a massive loophole that would allow nearly 15,000 additional short-term, AirBnB-type rental units in the city.

Community groups like Better Neighbors LA and UNITE HERE Local 11 expect the Vacation Rental Ordinance to reach the full council for a vote in January and have been urging against it as L.A. renters hurt by the economic impact of COVID-19 face a possible eviction crisis.

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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.

UNITE HERE Local 11 is the union of more than 32,000 workers in hotels, restaurants, airports, sports arenas, and convention centers in So. California & Arizona.