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To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Gardena, I am writing to you this morning regarding Ordinance #1844.

I understand the concerns that communities have regarding short term rentals, and they are valid. However, I also understand the opportunities that short term rentals provide. Many would not be able to afford to continue living in Gardena if it were not for the additional income they receive through short term rental hosting.

Housing costs in Gardena are SKY HIGH. Things like short term rentals, hourly pool rentals, hosting events, etc are critical to keeping long time Gardena residents in Gardena.

There are other options than a simple ban. Other communities like Big Bear have regulated short term rentals to keep them AND to alleviate the community strains they can cause. Collection of occupancy taxes from hosts or an annual registration fee can be used to enforce guidelines that protect the community while providing the opportunity for lower and middle class residents to generate critically needed additional income and stay in their homes. Please take the time to look at Big Bear's program as a model. (<https://www.citybigbearlake.com/index.php/departments/tourism-management/transient-private-home-rental-tphr-program>)

How much time does the city invest, collectively, supporting all of the development and new construction of housing properties that then turn around and draw tenants able to pay \$4000-\$5000 per month? They are ALL OVER the city!!! Could the city invest the same amount of time to research and draft ordinances that support the lower and middle class residents that are already residents of Gardena?

Thank you,

Amanda Kindt