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Honorable Council-members:

I live in a single-family residence and I rent out my spare guest house through an online vacation rental service.

Renting this space has given me a critically needed source of supplementary income, and I'm writing to respectfully ask that you refrain from implementing any policy that would take that away.

The income I've received from renting out my guest house has been nothing short of a lifeline. I've had nothing but good experiences with my guests. My neighbors are aware of the rental and have not been impacted. In fact, they ask me how it is going all the time. They know I need this source of income.

Some of my renters, for instance, are soon-to-be Santa Ana residents needing a temporary place to stay. Some are working here on a project, many are travel nurses and some are on vacation. I set very clear rules and guidelines to ensure the guest understands the importance of being courteous to my neighbors. None of my guests have ever treated my property or my neighbors with anything but respect. I happen to work out of my home, so I am here most of the time to answer questions and make sure nothing goes awry.

There are many others out there like me, people who depend on short-term rental services to make the extra money they need when they fall on hard times or when their day jobs just aren't enough. Especially during these tough times economically.

Historically, tough economic times affect low income families. The rich get richer while the poor get poorer. I ask that you consider the impact this makes in my household as well as many others. What can be done to allow these small businesses to thrive? Please consider a better solution such as regulating and imposing taxes on these types of businesses, because that is what this is- my own small business. Please do not take that away.

I ask that you consider the enormous impact this source of income has had on the quality of life for me, and countless other fellow Santa Ana residents.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2022-03 is a flawed amendment and needs to be corrected to regulate instead of prohibit short term rentals.

Thank you,
Nirvana Mireles