September 26, 2022

Dear Council Members,

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We manage our STR very closely. We have zero complaints and only allow young families and couples stay in our space. No more than one car and four people total at a time. We have marketing material in our space promoting our local small businesses like La Super Birria, Detention, Crave Restaurant, 4th Street Market, Chapter 1 etc. Even with the construction mess downtown our casita continues to feed those struggling businesses.

Our cleaning service is performed by a single mom in our neighborhood, she also heavily depends on our businesses. Our landscaper as well.

We already voted in 2015 that we want Short Term Rentals in our community. If you must, regulate STR's. Keep us accountable for properly managing them and penalize the owners that don't. Short term rentals benefit our community and there is no reason to ban them.

I support STR's in Santa Ana.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2022-03 needs to be corrected to regulate instead of prohibit short term rentals.

Gabe Stroebel (909) 451-3033 Washington Square Resident Dear Council Members,

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