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City Clerk: Please read into the record for the October 10, 2023 City Council Meeting during Public Comments.

Mayor and City Council,

As you have been made aware commercial short-term rental vacation homes have become a concern in our neighborhood (Starlite Estates) over the last two+ years. They are being advertised as centrally located to amusement parks in Los Angeles and Orange County, beaches and mountains; they do not bring tourist dollars to the city of Whittier, nor do they advertise our bedroom community as a tourist destination.

Residential properties are being purchased as non-owner occupied properties for commercial short-term rental usage, thus removing these housing units to be used for family homes and long-term tenants; remaining vacant and sporadically rented in short term spurts to unknown persons.

Over the years short-term rentals have evolved from residential sharing into a commercial enterprise, where once owner-occupied units were swapped with one another. We realize how important it is for the city officials of our community to get a handle on this quickly evolving trend in order to preserve our residential neighborhoods. In this context we ask that careful consideration be given to how STRs are allowed and regulated, especially in R-1 zones, as this will determine the future of each and every neighborhood in our community of Whittier.

Please consider limiting short-term rentals to primary residences only. The primary resident must live at the property the majority of each year. By doing this the city council deters the purchasing of residential properties for the sole purpose of commercial STR usage while preserving and protecting our family neighborhoods. We look to you, our elected officials and city staff to be well informed, make good decisions for our community's future and act as responsible stewards of this beautiful city of Whittier which you represent.

I should note, I have enjoyed staying at short-term rentals many times when traveling abroad and in the U.S.

I look forward to hearing your discussion that will shape the future of our residential neighborhoods.

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Thoughtfully,  
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