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Item # 14A - The City of Whittier should NOT allow short-term rentals for the following reasons:

- Short-term rentals raise rental rates for long-term tenants
- Removing short-term rentals will increase housing in Whittier that can then be rented to long-term tenants or perhaps sold to a family
- Short-term rentals create disturbances and havoc in our neighborhoods affecting our quality of life
- They are unsafe because there is no vetting process for the short-term tenant(s)
- They are often used to film pornography, facilitate drug labs, and other crimes including parties where alcohol and drugs are distributed to minor children/teens - this should be discussed with the Chief of Police
- They take business away from hotels and go against your mantra of supporting local businesses

Possible Solutions:

- Turn short-term rentals into long-term rentals
- Penalize anyone who runs a short-term rental with FINE
- Institute a business license and tax for any property owner who has a rental in Whittier that is **not** owner-occupied.

If you care about Whittier, you will not allow short-term rentals. They are unsafe, unnecessary, and exhaust our police resources.

If any city council members have a short-term rental, they should recuse themselves from this decision.

Stephanie V.

A proponent of Term Limits for Whittier City Council