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To Mayor and City Council Members,

As a lifelong resident of Whittier and an over 25 year resident of our beautiful Whittier Hills (North Circle Drive), I am writing to express my strong opposition to having short-term rentals in our hillside communities.

The STR's have proven to be nothing but a nightmare to hillside residents. We have had to deal with excessive noise from parties and large gatherings that go all night and into the early morning hours. These gatherings bring large number of people and cars that our narrow streets cannot safely accommodate. Because we have only one way up and one way down to our neighborhood, these cars pose a hazard should we have a fire, earthquake, or other event where emergency vehicles would need free access to our streets. This could put lives at risk.

In addition, we have had to deal with a pornographic movie being filmed in the front yard of one home in broad daylight and used condoms, used tampons, drug paraphernalia, and all sorts of unseemly items being discarded in our neighborhood. As you can imagine, this is upsetting for all the residents of our neighborhood but we have more and more young families moving into the area and this is not something young children should be exposed to around their home. We also have to be careful with our pets when we walk them because of the dangerous items they may encounter on the ground.

Finally, I do not believe there should be a "grandfathering" of existing STRs. The current STRs have not respected the neighborhoods in which they exist so they need to be eliminated and a total ban in the hillside communities needs to be put into place.

Thank you for your consideration, Rosalie Temblador, Ph.D.

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