

From: [Karen Duddleston](#)
To: [Carman Burney](#)
Subject: Fwd: Urgent Letter Re: Short Term Rentals
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 9:29:58 AM

I will forward several letters, they need to go to the Clerk's Office as part of Short Term Rentals.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Association President <scotch80neighbor@gmail.com>
Date: June 2, 2017 at 11:35:03 AM PDT
To: Association President <Scotch80Neighbor@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Urgent Letter Re: Short Term Rentals

Open Letter to Mayor Carolyn Goodman:

Dear Mayor Goodman,

As one of your neighbors I am deeply disturbed that you have taken no firm or public position on Council Bill 2017-16, that requires restrictions and new guidelines on Short Term Rentals/Party Houses. From an email letter of May 16 you sent to our Scotch Eighty Owners Association you made certain statements as to your concerns that seemed vague.

*"But for me now my focus is on **three overriding** areas and how each maybe relevant to the issues of short term rentals. This is before even*

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considering how funding will be made available to implement whatever is expected to occur:

- 1. Safety*
- 2. Disturbance (public)*
- 3. Property destruction and/or visually offensive conditions to property"*

What you, and certain City Council members, seem to ignore as the central issue is: that no neighborhood resident currently has any knowledge or input when a Business License is applied for and approved.

My question to you: Do you support that position? That neighbors have no say about short term rentals next to them?

In Council Bill 2017-16 for every short term rental application a SUP is required. This gives neighbors and neighborhoods a right to be heard to protect their neighborhoods. Do not let lobbyists who have approached you water down this provision.

There is also a lobbying effort to get rid of or lower the distance between short term rentals. When these variances come before Planning Commission, and they are doing so in increasing numbers, it indicates that there is already a surge of short term rentals already operating, and they are now rapidly growing in number!

Please, do not get rid of the 660 feet separation and/or increase it to 1,200 feet.

As to your concern about 'funding' needs of this bill. If there is increased need to police short term rentals by Code Enforcement it is because the City has allowed short term rentals to grow rampant. Now big corporations are moving in, including out-of-state speculators, and they are pouring money into hiring lobbyists. Our neighborhood, your

neighborhood, does not have the funds to fight for our protection when these lobbyists come calling on you. Who will speak for us? You?

In the Scotch Eighty neighborhood, there are two legal business licenses party houses and five other homes operating illegally. And there is still technical room for five other legal short term rentals. Is this what you want for your friends and neighbors? Turning our neighborhood into motel living!!

Are you aware that two neighbors of yours are considering wasting money on applications for a Short Term Business License just to protect against other short term rentals to be operated near them? Do you feel that is what it has come to defend our R-E and R-1 neighborhoods?

You have a recognized and powerful voice in this community. I think it is time that you make a public statement against this epidemic of commercialization of short term rentals as big business. If you don't support Councilwoman Tarkanian's bill I think it is proper on the front end that you also let your friends and neighbors know now—so that we might go elsewhere in search of those who want to protect the Scotch Eighty neighborhood and the City of Las Vegas neighborhoods.

Respectfully,

Keith Resnick

17 Crescent Drive

cc: Las Vegas Review Journal, Las Vegas Sun

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Scotch Eighty Owners Association