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Re: support for air b&b regulation

1 message

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Thu, Oct 11, 2018 at 3:49 PM

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I write to confirm receipt and review of your message.

I copied it to staff to be added to the committee record when it is updated following tonight's meeting.

On Thu, Oct 11, 2018 at 7:27 AM Gretchen Greenberg <gretch1949@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Councilors

This resident is in favor of regulations for air b&b as proposed by Councilor Cook. While I am not personally impacted since I live in a condominium association that only allows one year rentals, I firmly believe that the quality of life in Portland's neighborhoods is a factor of Portland being a livable city. The number of short term rentals must also impact the housing market, but some of the air b&b's are not exactly affordable housing. I think that short term rental owners should be on the property or very close by. I have been a consumer of air b&b's in various cities and I do enjoy this rental arrangement, but a city needs to have restrictions for its residents and I would have to live with that as a consumer.

I do recommend gathering accurate data as to the exact number of air b&b rentals there actually are in the city. Arguments always are more convincing with true numbers.

And while I am writing, what is Mayor Strimling thinking about proposing a housing bond??? There are other resources for the housing needs. How can he be so insensitive to property owners? Doesn't he realize that bond repayment is the third highest cost on our property taxes, which increase every year, and this is before we start paying for the school bonds? Honestly, I don't think he ever considers taxpayers when he puts forth proposals. Please don't even vote this to go to referendum.

Thank you.

Gretchen Greenberg

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Jill C. Duson
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