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Hello,

My name is Tyler Shirk and I own BearBnB Vacation and Short Term Rentals. I am writing you today so that I can give you some other perspectives to consider when dealing with the short-term rental issue in PV.

I have served this community for over 10 years as a property manager, Long-term properties and Short-term. I would like to offer you a few reasons why I believe Short-term rentals have a place in our communities as well as common sense rules to help them be run professionally and cause very little to no issues in the neighborhoods.

Lately, several cities have started talking about STRS (short-term rentals), and many community members are misinformed about what they do and what they are for. I would like to address the two biggest misconceptions right away.

1- We do not want parties either. A professional host does not allow parties and takes proactive steps to ensure they do not happen like screening guests, having age limits, limiting local stays to only very specific reasons, noise sensors, cameras and much more.

2- STRS would not be affordable housing if they were not STRS. Affordable homes do not work well as STRS. Our guests want luxury, which is why PV is a great market. Pv is a beautiful city with several amenities and beautiful homes. Most of our STRS would be sold to large out-of-state investment firms, torn down, and rebuilt if they were no longer allowed to be STRS.

I have worked with KCMO, KCK, Overland Park, Shawnee, Lenexa, and many other cities over the last several years, and in many of these cases, we have developed options and plans that work for all parties. I manage around 100 properties all throughout the KC Metro and several out-of-state markets, I have done so for 10 years and BearBnB is a homegrown local mom-and-pop company. We are very proud of what we do and the communities we serve.

Our company helps local carpenters, maintenance men, cleaners, lawn service providers, snow service providers, plumbers, and many others earn a living. We are not out of state and we care. I grew up in Grandview, lived in Roeland Park, Fairway, PV, and now Shawnee. I care deeply for this community.

Short-term rentals in Prairie Village, Kansas, provide significant benefits to the community by accommodating military families traveling for duty, individuals dealing with home remodeling, or those recovering from fire or water damage, even DV situations. We host families who are in town for medical procedures, funerals, and graduations among many many other situations. These rentals allow families to remain in the area, keeping their children in local schools and minimizing disruption to their lives if the family is experiencing a temporary emergency like a fire or natural disaster.

Additionally, short-term rentals offer affordable options for struggling families while generating vital income for local businesses and contributing to tax revenue. The economic impact extends further, creating job opportunities for cleaners, maintenance workers, and lawn service providers. Importantly, short-term rentals do not contribute to housing shortages, as they typically utilize homes that might otherwise remain vacant, helping to maintain a balanced housing market. Overall, they play a crucial role in fostering community stability and economic growth.

I personally have an STR on 76th and this weekend I am hosting a dog rescue team who are in town to help find foster dogs homes. Last year we hosted Mecole Hardman when he first moved back to KC to play for the Chiefs.

I humbly ask for consideration and perhaps maybe even a quick phone chat. We do provide value to our community.

I also ask, if you decide to go through with this ban, please consider a 2-year window for us to complete current reservations and help us guide our clients with their next steps on their PV properties.

One example of a successful compromise was with KCK where they implemented a rule of 1 STR per block. I think we could go even further as PV does not have many STRS and is a much smaller municipality.

Please consider our perspective. My number is 913-701-5607. You can also find us on social media at BearBnB Vacation and Short-Term Rentals. I think if you look into us and our service, you may find we are a benefit to the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Tyler Shirk