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The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles, Room 395
c/o City Clerk's Office
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: POSITION OF THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESPONSIBLE HOTEL ORDINANCE POLICE PERMIT REQUIREMENT

Dear Honorable Members:

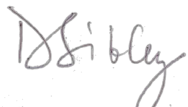
The Responsible Hotel Ordinance (RHO) became effective on July 1st, 2024. As previously communicated to you in correspondences from Commission Investigation Division and Executive Director Richard Tefank dated February 6, 2023 and March 28, 2024 respectively, the Police Commission has neither the infrastructure nor the staffing that would be required to implement the RHO's police permit requirement. Despite recommendations made in the March 28, 2024 correspondence that the Council direct the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer to establish an office dedicated to the administration and enforcement of the RHO and the Home Sharing Ordinance (HSO) or, alternatively, delay the effective date of the RHO by one year and identify and approve funding of the cost of implementation of the police permit requirement, no such action has been taken. Accordingly, no office dedicated to the implementation of the RHO has been established and the Police Commission still has neither the infrastructure nor the staffing that would be required for its own implementation of the RHO.

Because of the infeasibility of full implementation of the RHO, the Police Commission cannot and will not issue permits, enforce the police permit requirement, or investigate complaints related to compliance with the RHO.

The RHO places a legal obligation on operators of hotels, short-term rentals, and other establishments covered by the RHO to submit permit applications within three months of the July 1st, 2024, effective date. In order to avoid a scenario whereby operators are, through no fault of their own, denied any opportunity to comply with this legal obligation, the Police Commission is receiving and cataloging compliance registration applications. However, full implementation of the RHO will not occur until such time as a feasible solution for its operation and enforcement is devised, established, and resourced.

As the Police Commission has previously advised, this would be best accomplished through the creation of a multi-disciplinary office dedicated to the administration and enforcement of the HSO and the RHO.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Sibley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

DJANGO SIBLEY, Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners