

I have a whole house that I have been renting out that I have owned for about 5 years.

I live in the house next door with my 2 teenage children.

I am originally from Australia and I will sometimes move out of my house to visit family in Australia because the airfares are so expensive for my children and myself and it will cover my costs whilst I am away.

When I separated from my husband of 16 years, I was a stay at home Mum and I was pretty much unemployable.

My husband was a finance investor.

When we divorced and settled, my settlement was that I would not have child or spousal support, and I was lucky enough to keep the property in Venice. I told my ex husband that I wanted to be self sufficient and set up the condo on one side as short term stay rentals.

I had got this idea from the previous owners and that was why we bought the house. I had also done a similar thing in Australia and had booked homes around the world doing this instead of hotels.

My condo that I rent out is beautifully styled. I have spent a lot of money. I have lovely furniture that I have bought all locally in Venice. The house is a street away from the beach. I take great pride in acting as a host to mainly lovely families that come here.

It is much nicer for them to stay in a home and feel what it is like to live in Venice rather than a hotel. I interview my tenants very carefully as it is not a party house. I have curfew signs of 10pm for outside and let them know that it is in a residential area and to be courteous like a home. My neighbors have my number also if there were ever a problem.

The guests that I have are people who want a home away from home. For parents/grandparents and children to come together and actually have a holiday where they can all take a break. The majority are American families.

Bikes, beach towels and surfboards are provided.

I am like a concierge. I greet them on arrival. I show them all the places to eat, where to shop, what to visit, to make their stay most enjoyable.

I have incredible reviews.

I feel so proud in what I do and what I can offer people and how it makes them feel.

It is also my income. My only income.

I really am unsure how I would survive now if this was taken away from me.

I have 2 children I am saving for them to go to college.

Short-term stays have been around the world for many years. I just can't believe that because so many people that don't own their properties and are subleasing, that it has become a big problem and too many people are doing this or major property developers are renting the whole entire units out for airbnb.

The small percent like me were happily running this and all our neighbors knew and did not mind.

My house is booked out nearly 90% of the time.
Obviously this is in high demand for people to want to stay like this rather than hotels and especially for families that want a home and a kitchen to cook in.
They want a whole house not a home share as such.

I really hope you will consider that I am in Venice, California one of number one attractions with very little accommodation in actual Venice.

I own the 2 condos, I believe it is my right to be able to rent short term as long as there are no noise disturbances. I have set this up as a business and I pay my taxes like everybody else. I help the economy as well by having all these guests come to stay and eat out and shop.

I would be very upset if this beautiful travel option was taken from the community.

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