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**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

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Please find my written comment attached.

Andrew Castro

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N/A

Comment on item not on public agenda

PAST/PRESENT

S.T.V.R.

OWNERS/OPERATORS

(OR ANYONE CITED/PUNISHED FOR S.T.V.R. VIOLATION)

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STORY

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DID THIS HAPPEN TO ANYONE?

- **NOT NOTIFIED TO RENEW S.T.V.R. PERMIT**
- **CITY FAILED TO PROCESS S.T.V.R. RENEWAL APPLICATION**
- **CITY REFUSED TO CASH CHECK**
- **CITY REFUSED TO RENEW UNLESS YOU SUBMIT C.C.&R./H.O.A. PROOF THAT YOU ARE ALLOWED TO OPERATE S.T.V.R. ON YOUR PROPERTY THAT ALREADY HAD S.T.V.R. PERMIT**
- **CITY FAILED TO NOTIFY YOU OF ITS DECISION NOT TO RENEW**
- **CITY FAILED TO OFFER YOU ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ON A DECISION**
- **CITY CONFUSED YOU BY GIVING CONFLICTING STATEMENTS/GUIDANCE**

- **CITY CITED/PENALIZED YOU FOR ADVERTISING/RENTING AFTER FAILING TO PROCESS YOUR RENEWAL APPLICATION**
- **CITY FORCED YOU TO CANCEL BOOKINGS**
- **CITY IGNORED YOUR ATTEMPTS TO GET ANSWERS/CLARIFICATION**
- **CITY IGNORED YOUR PLEAS FOR ASSISTANCE DURING GLOBAL PANDEMIC**
- **CITY DISREGARDED YOU WHEN YOU TOLD IT HOW ITS ACTIONS CAUSED YOU SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND EMOTIONAL DISTRESS DURING PANDEMIC**
- **CITY CHARGED YOU \$250 TO APPEAL ITS WRONGFUL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**
- **CITY CHARGED YOU 1% T.B.I.D. TAX ON BOOKING OF 28+ CONSECUTIVE DAYS**

- **CITY CHARGED T.O.T. ON 31+ CONSECUTIVE DAY BOOKING REPORTED OVER 2+ CALENDAR MONTHS**
(E.G., TAXED T.O.T. FOR 16 DAYS IN DECEMBER AND TAXED 15 DAYS IN JANUARY EVEN THOUGH THOSE 31+ DAYS WERE PART OF A CONTINUOUS 31+ DAY RENTAL NOT SUBJECT TO T.O.T.)
- **CITY CITED YOU FOR USING OR OCCUPYING YOUR OWN PROPERTY**
- **CITY CITED YOU FOR ALLOWING FAMILY/NON-PAYING GUESTS TO USE OR OCCUPY YOUR PROPERTY**
- **CITY OR SHERIFF MADE YOU PROVE YOU WERE THE OWNER OF YOUR PROPERTY WHEN USING OR OCCUPYING (OR MADE YOUR FAMILY/NON-PAYING GUEST PROVE)**
- **CITY FAILED TO CONSPICUOUSLY OBTAIN YOUR CONSENT BEFORE GIVING PRIVATE COMPANIES UNLIMITED RIGHT TO USE OR SELL YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**
(HAVE YOU RECEIVED CALLS INQUIRING TO PURCHASE YOUR PROPERTY? HAVE YOU RECEIVED INTRUSIVE LETTERS/CALLS? CITY CURRENTLY GIVES BIG DATA COMPANIES YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION; INCLUDING PRIVATE BUSINESS INFORMATION SHARED WITH CITY ONLY FOR TAX REMITTANCE PURPOSES; COMPANIES COMODITIZE INFO REVEALING YOUR BUSINESS' AVERAGE NIGHTLY RATES/AVAILABILITY BROKEN DOWN BY DAY/MONTH/YEAR TO PREDICT PRICES/AVAILABILITY, ETC.)

- CITY OBSTRUCTED YOUR ATTEMPTS TO INSPECT PUBLIC RECORDS
- CITY DENIED YOUR REQUEST TO INSPECT DATABASES THAT COLLECT DATA ON YOU AND YOUR PROPERTY
- ARE YOU AWARE OF INSTANCES WHERE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS DISCUSSED/DECIDED WHAT ACTION THEY PLANNED TO TAKE BEFORE AN OFFICIAL VOTE AT A PUBLIC MEETING?
- DID ANYONE APPLY TO JOIN S.T.V.R. AD HOC COMMITTEE BUT GET DENIED? DO YOU FEEL DENIAL OCCURRED BECAUSE OF PRO-S.T.V.R. VIEWPOINT? DID COUNCIL CONDUCT INTERVIEWS FOR THE POSITION?
- ARE YOU AWARE OF COUNCIL/STAFF WHO SUBMITTED INACCURATE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST?
(FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION FORM 700)

I'm a law student¹ at UC Hastings looking into these topics. I'm sorry for any hardship the city caused. I would like to hear how the city's actions affected members of the public.

Thank you,
Andrew Castro

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