

FW: Please abstain from voting for STRP Bill 608

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Dear Council Member Mendes,

I am a Nashville resident, voter, and member of the STRP community. Please oppose or abstain from voting for STRP Bill 608 and encourage your colleagues to do the same. Here's why:

For over four hours this past Friday afternoon, representatives of STRP owners and the online home sharing sites presented additional innovative ideas to the ad hoc committee chair, council staff, the sponsors of Bill 608 and John Summers to work towards a compromise and avoid the consequences of banning STRPs. One of the proposed ideas included requiring council approval of certain types of STRPs in the city -- a significant olive branch.

Once again the supporters of Bill 608 refused to consider a compromise. STRP owners, over the past year, have now offered no less than four different alternatives, and all four have been flatly rejected. Why?

Anyone who tells you that Bill 608 is a "compromise" doesn't understand the bill or is intentionally trying to mislead you. Bill 608 is a ban, plain and simple. If it passes the state legislature will deal with it as a ban.

It's clear that a small, yet vocal group of anti-STRP supporters -- the real force behind 608 -- will accept nothing short of a ban. This same anti-STRP group is demanding that the metro council defy the state legislature, irrespective of the known consequences of a ban; and reject what most Nashville residents support. A recent poll of Nashville voters conducted in the fall of 2017 revealed that 77% support renting out second homes with reasonable regulations in place, not a ban.

Our ask today is simple: tell the council sponsors of 608 that you cannot support 608 when viable alternatives are on the table. Tell the sponsors of 608 that Nashville's continuing efforts to intentionally attract state legislative attention is not good for Nashville, and that you in good conscience can't support it.

Please abstain from voting for STRP Bill 608 on Tuesday.

Sincerely,