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Good afternoon I'm Buddy Goose a resident of Clifton. I'm here to support the development of an ordinance to regulate short term rentals.

I operate a short term rental through AirBnB. My guests come from all over the world and many if not most are coming to Cincinnati for the first time. They come for month long observerships at our amazing University and Chlidren's Hospitals, for short courses at the University of Cincinnati, or when their career requires moving to Cincinnati to find a place to live, to spend time as a visiting professor at the College Conservatory of Music, and for many other reasons.

Shorter term renters are passing through Cincinnati on their way to visit family or to vacation elsewhere, to see a concert or show, to interview for jobs and medical residencies or just to see Fiona at the Cincinnati Zoo.

The first impression these guests have of Cincinnati is the contact with their host. A host that has knowledge of their neighborhood and their city enhances the guest's experience. This first impression is diminished when the host doesn't reside in the short term rental. AirBnB's mission " is to create a world where people can belong through healthy travel that is local, authentic, diverse, inclusive and sustainable." The interaction between the host and guest is central to this mission.

The number of short term rentals in a neighborhood can have a significant impact on the character of the neighborhood. Short term rentals can guide guests to neighborhood businesses and create interactions between guests and neighbors that enhance the character of the neighborhood or they can create a "hotel-like transient feel" to the detriment of the neighborhood character.

I believe short term rentals are overall an asset to Cincinnati. But I encourage you to limit short term rentals geographically, not just by neighborhood but by streets and further to blocks of streets to no more than 5% of residences on a given block and to no more than 3% of the neighborhood.