

SF mayor vetoes bill that would have slashed short-term rentals

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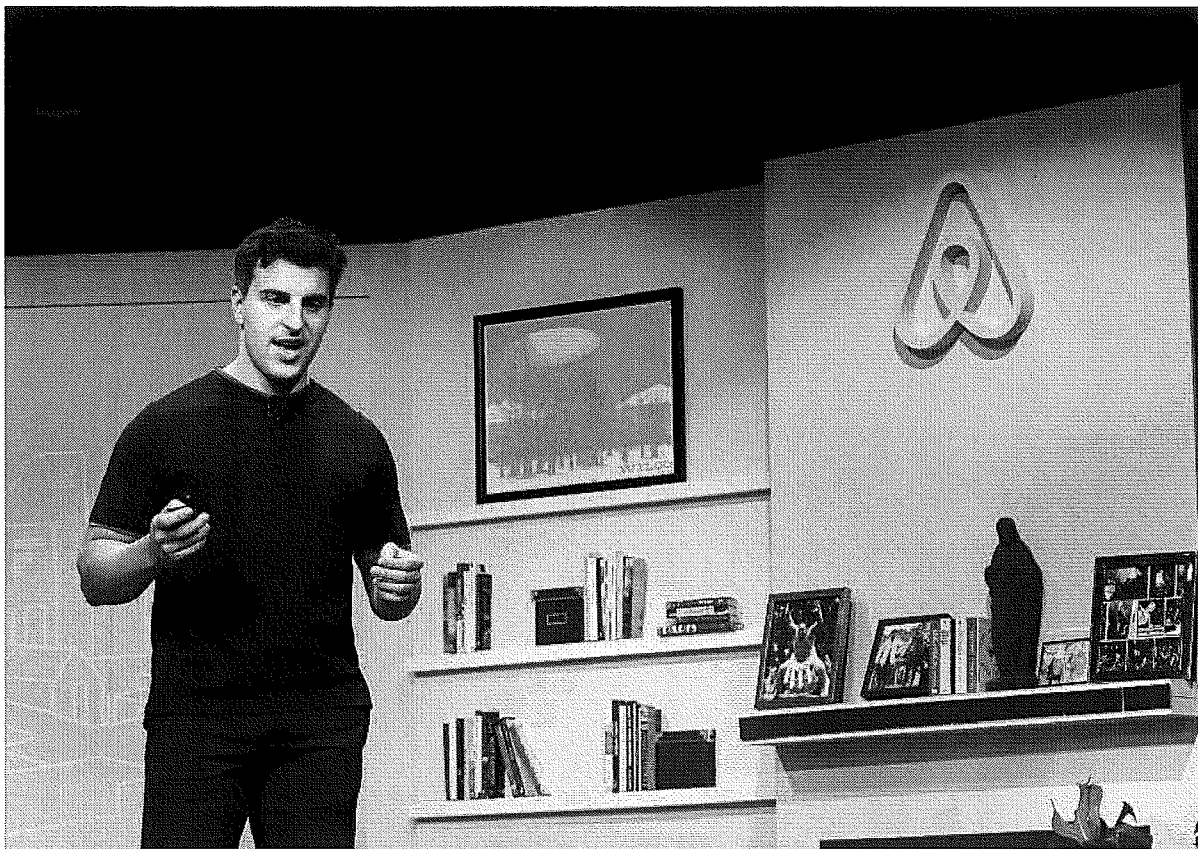
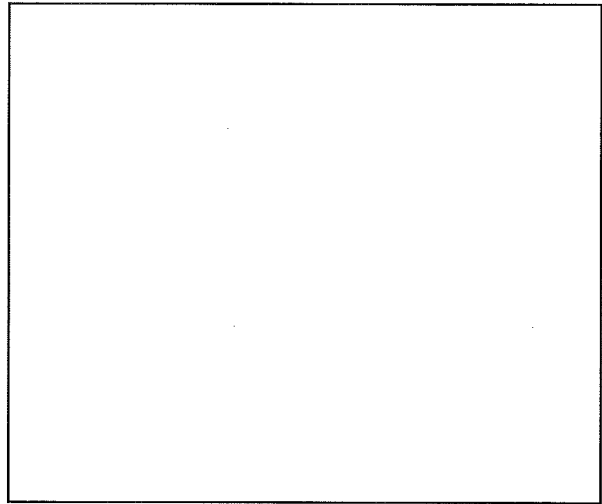


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Mayor **Ed Lee** vetoed legislation late Thursday that would have restricted short-term rentals to 60 days a year, saying it would make enforcement of the current law “more difficult and less effective” and would drive “even more people to illegally rent units.”



The legislation, passed by the Board of Supervisors last month, would have barred hosts from having paying guests in a room, house or entire apartment for more than 60 days a year.

The veto means that the current law will remain intact. That law allows hosts to rent a room in their house or apartment for an unlimited number of days, or entire homes for up to 90 days a year.

Lee’s veto is most likely the final word on the matter. The supervisors need eight votes to override a veto, and the legislation appears to have the support of just seven supervisors.

The bill was unexpectedly proposed by Board of Supervisors President **London Breed**, who had previously opposed legislation restricting short-term rentals to 60 days a year. She said she changed her stance because she wanted to give the law time to work. When she concluded that it wasn’t, she proposed tighter restrictions.

Only about 1,700 out of an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 hosts in the city are now registered, making it all but impossible to enforce the current annual rental caps.

In addition to Breed, Supervisors **David Campos**, **Aaron Peskin**, **Jane Kim**, **Eric Mar**, **John Avalos** and **Norman Yee** voted for the legislation. Supervisor **Mark Farrell** is the first to vote against short-term rentals. **Paul** is a company involved in it, then for it - why is **Paul** known name with firm ideas **Paul** believes in legalizing marijuana



If enacted, San Francisco would have had some of the most stringent restrictions on short-term rentals in the country. Lee has historically opposed tougher restrictions on short-term rentals in the past, saying they help residents make extra money and stay in the city.

Breed said that she was disappointed with Lee’s veto but that “the mayor has finally agreed to work with me and stakeholders to look at regulations and long-term solutions.” She said they will develop a working group to make recommendations by the end of February.

Avalos was more critical. “I’m sure Ed Lee is smart enough to understand how devastating short-term rentals have been to our housing stock, so it’s safe to say the mayor cares more about Airbnb’s bottom line than preventing homelessness.”


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