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PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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Honorable Jose Huizar, Chair  
Planning and Land Use Management Committee  
Room 350, City Hall


Dear Councilmember Huizar and Committee Members:

Before you today is Council File #14-0593 motion (Bonin-Wesson) asking for the formation of a working group to study and develop a comprehensive report on the sharing economy and its impacts on the City in Los Angeles.

The intent of this motion is not to support nor denounce the "sharing economy," it is simply an instruction that the city form a working group to further study the industry so that the city council, as policy makers, can make more informed policy decisions as it relates to the sharing economy. I feel that more information is required before the city takes any steps in developing legislation regarding the sharing economy and thus the most appropriate first action to be taken is the formation of the working group.

Lastly, in asking for the working group to study the potential benefits the sharing economy might have on the city I did not anticipate that it would be interpreted as an endorsement of support. I do not believe that in asking a group to study the benefits should mean that they would ignore the potential negative impacts that these industries could have on our neighborhoods and communities. However, emails and phone calls from the public have shown me that the wording in this motion has been taken as such. As a point of clarification, I therefore ask that the members of this committee amend the language of the motion, to instruct the working group to study both the positive and negative impacts of the "sharing economy" industries and I ask that you support the approval of this motion as amended.

Sincerely,

  
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C: Honorable Gil Cedillo  
Honorable Mitchell Englander  
Office of the City Clerk

