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New legislation

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Hi Councilmen Ryu,

I am writing to you today to ask that you support legislation that would allow me as a homeowner to continue renting my home on a short term basis.

I have been told that there is a possibility that a new law may disallow me from renting my home short term. I am extremely concerned about this and how it would negatively impact my life and the life of my teenage son.

I am a 62-year-old single mother of a teenage boy. I am my son's sole support; I do not receive any child support from his father. I was born and raised Sherman Oaks which is where I live now in District 4.

I started renting my primary residence on Airbnb last year as I needed the additional income to help support my son and hopefully send him to college. I have some serious health issues and the additional income was a life saver to me and my family. I do not believe it would be possible to keep my home and continue to support my son and his education had it not been for my short term rentals. When I rent out my home we usually find an inexpensive rental on Airbnb and stay there while mine is occupied. My guests have a welcome letter that informs them about the surrounding area and places of interest. They help support our local businesses by shopping, eating and vacationing at the various establishments. This is helping our local economy and allowing me to keep my home as well as continuing education for my son. He is studying to be an engineer and is captain of his swim team at school.

If I had to stop renting my home my son would not be able to attend college as he would need to work to help support himself and me.

Please support legislation that would continue to allow me to rent my primary residence on a short-term basis.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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Truxton's
AMERICAN BISTRO

Councilmember Mike Bonin
re: City Council File #14-1635-S2

February 22, 2016

Dear Councilmember Bonin,

Here, at Truxton's American Bistro, we take pride in being a part of Westchester's unique, vibrant fabric.

Lately, we've happily served more and more customers of all stripes. We don't believe that these are travelers venturing from the hotels by LAX but, rather, people who are using short term rental platforms like Airbnb. In fact, many of our neighbors have informed us that they host on Airbnb and frequently recommend our restaurant to their guests.

We could not be happier with these additional customers and hope for more in the future. As you legislate home sharing, I hope you take into account the voices of businesses like Truxton's that rely on a fluid customer base to succeed and remain in this very special community.

We appreciate your leadership regarding this issue and would like to thank you by having you at our restaurant one of these days.

Warm regards,



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In support of homesharing - Council File No. 14-1635-S2

Councilmember Mike Bonin,

My family and I live in Mar Vista and we share the home that we live in. I am writing to ask you to vote for sensible and simple home sharing regulations. My husband is an international musician. In 2014, we had our second child and which limited my time to work. Since my husband is a freelance musician, our income was not steady. A family friend recommended us share our extra guest room in our home and I was very intrigued. I decided to give it a try and have been hosting guests from all of the world and it's been able to help a little bit with paying our mortgage and household bills.

I trust the platform very much and vet and screen my guests as they stay in the same home that my family live in. I have had a very positive experience and I'd like to mention a few of them to you - I interact with my guests often and over conversation they learn that my husband is a musician. Surprisingly, many of our guests are also international musicians who come stay with us and play in Los Angeles. Since I formerly worked in PR and international event production I helped many of my Airbnb guests book venues to play their music in Los Angeles, Russia, and Mexico. Another guest I had was a Russian pop star, she wanted to move to Los Angeles to launch her career and she stayed with me during her transition and I helped her with moving to Los Angeles to become a permanent resident.

What I've come to find is that freelance musicians do not make steady income and the income from sharing our guest room is the perfect supplemental income that allows my family to pursue the musical passion that we, as a family, love. Allowing international talent into LA increases diversity and talent which is crucial for the economy and culturally enriches LA.

Since I began hosting, many of my guests ask me for suggestions to local businesses and I always recommend local small coffee shops. Some of my favorite cafes are Deus Ex Machina, Venice Grind, and Cafe Rockenwagner just to name a few.

I am aware that you will be voting on this complex issue and my family and I hope you will support home sharing.

Thank you,

Masha Tsiklauri