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Council Member Mike Bonin

Dear Mike,

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I hope this letter finds you well. I am the owner of Hotcakes Bakes! I have been on 4119 Centinela Ave for 10 solid years now serving the community with American/French baked goods. I am in the process of expanding my business (been waiting for electricity for 11 month now from the DWP! Yeah! :-() into a café serving organic Breakfast/Lunch and Fresh Ice Cream. Many of my customers who rent out rooms have recommended my business as a destination for breakfast, cakes etc to their clients...We have had customers from all over the world and different parts of America experiencing Hotcakes Bakes because of it and I would hate losing that part of my client base because laws and regulations, that are not in my opinion appropriate. I support short-term rentals, and believe that banning it would simply be an attack on personnel freedom. I believe that it is quite admirable, to open your home to strangers and give them the opportunity to experience the SoCal life style. To keep things humble, and normal, in times of great uncertainty, in the world we live in now. I hope you will stop by sometimes and say hello, I have not had the pleasure to meet you and would love to!!!!

Best regards,

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To whom this may concern,

This letter is in support of short-term rentals (AirBnB, etc.).

From a personal perspective, as a once-avid traveller, I have enjoyed similar facilities throughout Europe (usually administered by local municipalities) and strongly believe it creates an affordable, authentic, and meaningful alternative to generic and often homogenous/bland corporate hotels. My experiences were always rich and memorable and I think having this system available here creates a win-win opportunity for both visitors and hosts alike.

As a small neighborhood restaurant owner, we rely heavily on peer-to-peer, word-of-mouth recommendations and I know for a fact that our customers who rent out rooms to visitors have recommended our restaurant to their guests on many occasions. We have had the pleasure of serving guests from Japan, China, Mongolia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, and Spain, not to mention many others who are visiting from all around our great nation. What these visitors received was (we hope) an authentic, affordable, and delicious experience—what we'd like to believe as genuinely warm SoCal hospitality and a memorable, positive experience to take back home. I believe this is what many of those who open their own homes to strangers are trying to do. I believe that in many cases, financial profit is secondary and that the building of community, a global community, is primary. It is for these reasons I continue to support the development of short-term rentals.

While I am not adverse to more regulation, even taxation of the existing system, I think an outright ban would be the wrong decision.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Yee

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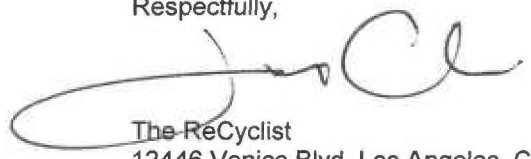
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Councilmember Mike Bonin

I am the owner of The ReCyclist Bike Shop in Mar Vista. Home sharing guests and hosts come to me to rent bicycles during their stays locally. Having people stay locally is good for my business because if they're staying in the hotel districts such as Santa Monica or LAX they will rent from bike stores in that area.

Finally, with the bleak economic situation facing many in this city, I support a person's choice to rent out their space to visitors to earn a living.

Respectfully,



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Dear Councilmember Bonin,

I'm writing as the owner of Gravlax, a small business that sits on the Culver City - Los Angeles border in Del Rey. We specialize in Scandinavian & Turkish cuisine and would like to share our positive experience with travelers who have discovered our business while renting out a spare bedroom in homes in the neighborhood.

As we approach our second year in business, we always welcome new patrons and are dependent on a diverse customer base. We've found that innovation and online platforms has allowed travelers to stay in Del Rey, a neighborhood with few hotels, and see the neighborhood through the eyes of their hosts. We even provide menus for hosts to put in their listings for their guests.

I hope you will support our local business community by creating laws that allow Los Angeles bound travelers to continue to discover neighborhoods like Del Rey and its unique local businesses.

Thank you for your continued support of Gravlax. We look forward to serving you.

All the best,



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