

14-1635-S2

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Date: Sat, Dec 5, 2015 at 12:33 PM
Subject: City Council File #14-1635-S2
To: councilmber.ofarrell@lacity.org
Cc: sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, sharon.gin@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell,

I am writing as the owner of Eat This Cafe. We have just celebrated our 3rd anniversary on Hollywood Theatre Row.

I want to let you know of our support of Airbnb and other home sharing websites that bring much needed visitors to this often overlooked neighborhood. We have residential neighbors that are Airbnb hosts and they refer their guests to us on a regular basis. We supply them with to-go menus to leave in their units for their guests.

As you know, this is a developing area, and the businesses located here need all the help we can get, including serving visitors from all over the world. As a "neighborhood joint", we often see the same out-of-towners for breakfast every day that they stay in the neighborhood. They leave reviews for us on Yelp, TripAdvisor and other websites, that drive other customers to the restaurant. They are a vital and important part of our business.

I ask you to please support local businesses in your district by welcoming visitors and allowing them choices in the the type of accommodation they may want to select.

Thank you for your support of Eat This Cafe and Hollywood Theatre Row.

Kind regards -

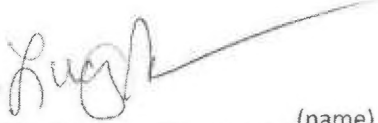
Marcy Blaustein
Eat This Cafe

To: Councilman Mike Bonin

Re: Council File: 14-1635-S2, Short Term Rentals, Preparation of Ordinance

As a resident and homeowner at 7025 Trolleyway St , Playa Del Rey, CA 90293 in the City of Los Angeles, I am opposed to the ordinance you propose to legalize short term rentals in residential areas. Such "home hotels" are against the purpose the residential zoning codes were established for, and represent an encroachment of commercial operations best left in zones set up for such operations. As such, I strongly encourage you to stop the pursuit of such an ordinance, and further, enforce the code as currently established.

Lucy Han

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lucy Han", written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and extends to the right of the line.

(name)

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Gary Katayama

_____ (name)

3 December 2015

Dear Council President Herb Wesson:

We are writing to tell you why it's important to keep Airbnb. My name is Svenja and my friend is named Jasmin and we are students from Germany. We are both fortunate to have gotten internships at City Hall for 3 months. Jasmin works in City Plans and I work in Office of Community Beautification. We are also fortunate to be living in an Airbnb home on South Oxford Avenue, between Washington and Venice. Deirdre Higgins is our 'house mom'. To get to City Hall we only have to take one bus so it is very convenient. But most importantly, we could not afford to be here if we had to stay in a hotel. Los Angeles is expensive and we couldn't afford to eat out every night for 3 months.

if you think we Airbnb guests are ruining the neighborhood, then talk to Deirdre's neighbors Chrys and Robert Rhodes who opened their house to us for Thanksgiving. Talk to the people across the street who are young, like ourselves, and want to help us enjoy Los Angeles. Talk to the grocery store owners and restaurant owners on Western where we go. I'm sure they are pleased to have newcomers visit their stores.

Please don't shut Airbnb down or make it impossible for young people like ourselves to visit this great city.

Thank you.

Svenja Freytag and Jasmin Wagegg

Dear Los Angeles City Council,

I am staying, or have stayed, in Los Angeles through the use of a vacation rental during the following dates

10/17/15 to 10/22/15

I am personally concerned that you would be trying to ban this industry rather than to place fair regulations upon it. Because of my rental I was able to (check all that apply):

- Travel for business at a fair cost
- Travel for vacation at a fair cost
- Able to visit family I would normally not be able to visit
- Attend a city function I wouldn't have normally been able to attend
- Have more money to spend during my travels
- Visit Los Angeles for possible re-location

I did also book my rental with a company that has collected Transient Occupancy Tax and has remitted it to you. I feel I am a responsible guest and that I was well informed of my property rules upon my arrival. I was met at the door, I was asked to sign a rental agreement with all property rules, and I was notified of my rentals manager contact information (which was located in the building I am renting).

I do hope you will pass fair regulations for short-term rentals in this grand city.

Traveler Name Printed: MICHAEL SALAJE (UK VISITOR)

Traveler Name Signed: M. Salaje

Date Signed 10/22/2015

Dear Los Angeles City Council,

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_____ to _____.

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Traveler Name Printed: FRANCESCA SARA CWO

Traveler Name Signed: *Francesca Sora Cwo*

Date Signed 11/08/2025

Dear Los Angeles City Council,

I am staying, or have stayed, in Los Angeles through the use of a vacation rental during the following dates

September 3rd to 8th

I am personally concerned that you would be trying to ban this industry rather than to place fair regulations upon it. Because of my rental I was able to (check all that apply):

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Traveler Name Printed: MICHELA SCOLARI

Traveler Name Signed: *Michela Scolari*

Date Signed 07/11/2015

Dear Los Angeles City Council,

I am staying, or have stayed, in Los Angeles through the use of a vacation rental during the following dates

23rd October to 27th October, 2015.

I am personally concerned that you would be trying to ban this industry rather than to place fair regulations upon it.

Because of my rental I was able to (check all that apply):

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Traveler Name Printed: Adam / Fiona Dubois

Traveler Name Signed: F. Dubois

Date Signed 27/10/2015

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Now Boarding

vintage cocktail bar

Chairman, PLUM Committee, José Huizar
Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N Spring St #465
Los Angeles, CA 90012

November 19, 2015

Mr. William Figueroa
Co-Owner, General Manager
Now Boarding
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Los Angeles, CA 90046
nowboardingla.com

Dear Council-member Huizar,

Now Boarding opened its doors a little over a year ago near the Melrose Shopping District and Hollywood. We recently partnered with local artisan deli Croft Alley to include tasty bites to our vintage cocktail menu. At Now Boarding, we pride ourselves on creating a unique, local experience for our regulars and those who may only be visiting for a few days. We craft our cocktails with care so that our customers may keep returning, and hopefully bring along more of their friends so that perhaps it can lead to more positive word-of-mouth recommendations.

The result has been nothing short of a success. We have our usual crowds on the weekends, and sprinkled throughout the week we see a lot of new faces. As an AirBnB user myself (I've used it as a guest), I was quick to notice the fresh faces from places as far as Asia, to Europe, as well as east coast artists working on projects in Los Angeles for weeks at a time. It is always a pleasure getting to know these travelers and it brings us real joy to host them for a few hours as welcoming representatives of L.A.

As the City Council works on creating legislation that protects reasonable, responsible home sharing -- I encourage you to please keep in mind the positive economic impact local business owners like myself have seen and continue to see as a result of home sharing.

Thank you for all you do in helping small businesses flourish throughout our beautiful city.

Sincerely,

William Figueroa



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