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Subject: I Support Home Sharing. You should too. CF#14-1635-S2

To: CityClerk@lacity.org

Dear City Clerk,

My name is Laban Pheidias. I live in Echo Park. I'm a home sharing host.

I just saw the proposed ordinance that would make it where I wouldn't be able to share my home.

Turns out my house is rent controlled because it was built before 1978.

So prohibiting rent controlled units all together doesn't seem fair.

I'm a music video director and this industry is tough to survive in and home sharing helps me do just that.

Also, as a host I offer a 100 percent vegan household. Which gives travelers from all around the world a safe place to be if they are vegan.

These are people who especially care about the environment and animals and who come to my house for that reason alone.

This is my home. It's where I live and I should be able to serve my community by being a host.

Other clauses that stick out in a bad way are limiting the number of days people can home share, how many listing I could have in my home, if I did other work related activities in my home.

The ordinance as of now is very extreme and has some very harsh restrictions that basically criminalize home sharing.

How is this possible? How could home sharing be some sort of misdemeanor offense?

This is how I pay the mortgage and bills (which I still come up short). My mortgage alone is 4,508 a month.

It's tough to stay afloat but home sharing is what helps me do that.

I've been living in Echo Park since the mid 90's and I'd like to stay here.

I literally almost lost my house before I began home sharing.

And from what I've seen from sharing my home, it helps out the Los Angeles economy.

I get guests from all over the world that come here to experience LA.

All recommend to all my guests all sorts of restaurants, bookstores, coffee shops, libraries, art galleries, museums, the Echo Park Lake and other parks, night clubs, and places to see music, theater, and film. And my guests are usually on a mission to go places and do things and definitely spend money in LA.

Also, I've noticed most of my guests have used and relied on public transport like buses and subway. It's better for the environment than when I've had long term renters because they always have cars.

I've been home sharing for years now. Since 2015 to be exact. To think that one day I'd be punished because of this ordinance is very hurtful. It's not right and seems to be violating my rights.

I don't want to be kicked out of my own neighborhood which is most likely what would happen.

Please create an ordinance that would protect people like me in the community.

Thanks

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