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Subject: Protect Homesharing Council File #14-1635-S2

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Dear Councilmember

I am writing to ask you to help write a clear and fair legislation regarding home sharing. I'm a recent college graduate young woman who immigrated to the United States about 10 years ago and was able to help my family to buy and pay the payments for a property in Los Angeles after years of going to school and working two full time jobs simultaneously. After buying the house, my siblings and I were able to pay the mortgage and all the other additional costs by our combined earnings; however since they got married and moved out of the house I have been solely responsible for all the property costs. As a result, I was struggling for a while to pay all the payments and that made me to decided to sell the house that all of us worked really hard for years to be able to afford. However, before doing so a friend of mine suggested home sharing on Airbnb, she said that it would help with my finances and it would give me the opportunity to keep my house. Since I began hosting, it changed my life both financially and mentally. I am able to pay my bills and people from all the over the world visit me in the comfort of my own home. I would never have been able to do this or meet these great people if it was not for Airbnb. Airbnb has allowed me to make a name for myself and keep my home. If it was not for Airbnb I might have had to sell my house to survive because I was not able to pay all my bills as a young single woman. Fortunately, Airbnb has allowed me to keep my home. My guests also ask me for recommendations on where to eat and visit when they are in Los Angeles and I always recommend the local shops which also is very beneficial for my community and development of my city and all the surrounding areas. Please consider my story and my situation when you draft a legislation regarding home sharing.

Thank you, Asal. Mahidi , Los Angeles, CA

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From: **Kelly Van Patter** <[kvanpatter@gmail.com](mailto:kvanpatter@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Sep 18, 2017 at 6:13 PM

Subject: AIRBNB HARSHIP

To: [CityClerk@lacity.org](mailto:CityClerk@lacity.org)

To LA City Clerk:

I am a 56 year old production designer living in East LA for almost 13 years. I am writing as i am gravely concerned for the future of Airbnb / Home Sharing as i completely rely on it to help me pay my bills when i am not employed by a production. If i had not been able to share my home, i probably would be in dire straights and possibly on the streets with the other 30,000 homeless in Los Angeles. I also have not worked since July and the money from homesharing has been my only form of income.

I live in my home and share it with other guests that are not your typical hotel guest. These are folks that come to East LA because they have friends or family in the area or possibly need to be close to the USC Keck School of Medicine. There are very few hotels in the area, and the ones that are here, are run down, unsavory and the equivalent of flop houses. My guests are looking for bargains as they cannot afford to stay in the pricey hotels that charge anywhere from 3 to 5 times more than your typical Airbnb accommodations. I feel that Airbnb allows many people that could not travel before, the ability to come to LA and stay longer, which also translates in to millions of dollars being spent in local neighborhoods and into the overall economy of LA.

I feel it is a travesty that the hotel lobby is spending so much money to change regulations and to spread negative disinformation regarding Airbnb. As i mentioned before, the guests that are staying in most airbnb's cannot afford the hotels and are looking for a more personalized experience, being able to cook, or need to stay somewhere for a longer period of time which would not be possible in a hotel. The hotels are not in a "hardship" situation and are spending billions of dollars in the downtown area so to hear them say that is just not the truth.

I HOPE that the city will examing the fact that there is a lot of money coming in that could go to help house the homeless and lower income families. I also hope the LA city officials also realize that if alter or limit the time for home sharing, a lot of home owners will not be able to stay in their homes. It is getting increasingly difficult to even buy into the home market in LA, and home owners rely on the money made from home sharing to pay their incredibly high mortgages.

I do understand that there are people who complain about no affordable housing, rent control buildings being affected or party homes in neighborhoods. Those situations can be remedied in other ways than making everyone else suffer. Greedy landlords of big developments with multiple rental units, should be monitored by the city to ensure they are renting their units long term the way they were intended. City Planning should also limit the amount of luxury condos that seem to be the only thing being built and allowing other affordable housing and new construction for low income and the homeless. As for party homes, there could be monitoring of sound levels and if the owner isn't living on the premises, there could be some kind of 3 strikes ruling if there are continuing issues.

I am pleading and begging the decisionmakers for the City of LA to take these things into consideration. These are everyday people just trying to make it. The Hotels are multi-million dollar corporations that are greedy and just another example of how the rich corporations are paying lobbyists, politicians and decision makers to change legislation in their favor and continue to monopolize the hospitality sector. Our country is founded on free-enterprise and capitalism, and we are fortunate enough to live in a city with a healthy tourism economy, there is PLENTY of money to go around to share the wealth with the small, home sharing, homeowner.

Please try to figure out a better way to use the taxes and all the money coming into the economy than putting time restraints and regulations on home sharing.

Thank you so much,  
Kelly Van Patter  
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Thank you, A. Majidi , Los Angeles, CA