To Whom It May Concern -
My husband and I have been Air BNB hosts for the past year and a half. We bought a trailer for our backyard for that purpose. It's been so wonderful. We have so enjoyed meeting people from all over the world and introducing them to the joys and wonders of Eagle Rock. It has been a huge blessing financially (which we have mostly allocated toward eating out more in the neighborhood - yes, we are financial geniuses. :))
It's made us feel safer to have more comings and goings on our property to prevent burglaries (this was recommended at a neighborhood watch meeting by the lead police officer). Our neighbors have been very supportive (there is a family with small children on one side and an elderly couple on the other).
We sincerely hope we can continue to share our beautiful property in this way, and hope you vote against the proposed restrictions.
Thank you for your service.
Sincerely,
Carol and Bill Allen

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Councilmembers and City Officials,

I am writing to let you know how short term rentals such as Airbnb have been able to help support me as a single woman living in Venice. Without Airbnb, I would not be able to cover my mortgage, taxes and insurance. I have many friends and neighbors that are single mothers, and another mouth to feed than their own. They desperately need and depend on Airbnb as their source of income, and without it would have to leave their families and communities as would I. Airbnb is also not just a source of income, but I have met and become friends with so many of my guests. It is a pleasure to be able to run a business like this that allows me the flexibility of time for other activities and hopefully producing a new product this year; something I have had no time for in the past but always wanted to try.

Please allow us to keep using Airbnb and other short term rentals as a dependable source of income. It would really change my life if I was not able to host short term guests for financial stability, and I would likely have to move.

Thank you for your support in this matter. I really appreciate it.

Thank you,

Kimberly Caldwell

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Joint Statement By Radical DISability & Los Angeles Neurodiversity On the Proposed L.A. Home Sharing Ordinance

Permission granted to publish this statement, in its entirety. Groups wishing to add their name, please message us via this site.
We oppose in its totality the proposed Home Sharing Ordinance in Los Angeles. While we are very concerned about the lack of affordable housing, we find that blaming home sharing is misplaced. Much needs to be done in this city to assure affordable housing, including enforcement of landlord abuses, but this ordinance will only make it harder to monitor landlords, as absurd amounts of resources will necessarily go into monitoring what happens in the private homes of L.A. residents.

This ordinance would legislate how many nights and how many groups of guests one can have in one's home at one time, and would prohibit any otherwise acceptable home-based businesses in a home sharing location. These sorts of limits have no precedence in any other business model or license in the city, including non residential home-based business. Home sharing is essentially a residential use of a residential space. It has little to no impact on parking, noise, parties or rent.

Home sharing allows working families and marginalized workers to afford rent, mortgage and other essentials. Many hosts are elders, and people with significant health issues and DISabilities who find income and job opportunities in home sharing, that they cannot find elsewhere.
Home sharing also provides guests with a variety of choices when traveling, including a variety of prices and accommodations, making travel accessible to more people, particularly people alienated and underserved or mis-served by hotels and other large corporations.

It is very important that vulnerable populations, especially elders and people with DISabilities, have control over who they live with and for how long. Pushing people into long term relationships in their own home is dangerous and unprecedented. There should be no limits on any host occupied homes.
Reasonable limits on whole house listings, for those workers who don't live in their home year round, has its merits in assuring that essential housing isn't removed from the rental stock, though vacation homes can also provide much needed revenue for the city in the form of the hotel taxes collections. The city should be very prudent in limiting whole house home sharing, to those homes that provide low income housing, and should do so without limiting the income opportunities to low income residents of low income housing. To that extent we are opposed to any limit on home sharing in the host's primary residence, except whole house listings.

We are also opposed to limits on other sources of income via home based businesses, that would otherwise be legal and allowable. Many of our constituents are limited to home-based self-employment, due to massive discrimination in the workplace and limited programs and benefits available to marginalized workers. The
The proposed Home Sharing Ordinance represents an attack on the legal right of people with DISabilities to live in the community, by coercing us into taking on work that is more costly to our health, attempting to live off public assistance, or moving into an institutional setting.

We support any well reasoned effort to provide affordable housing, to expand tenant rights or enforce rights more consistently, but this ordinance will not accomplish any of these goals. Existing housing laws need to be enforced, tenants need to be provided with tenant’s rights information, and new laws need to be considered as necessary to protect people’s rights, not limit what they can do in their own homes. If any limiting of rights is necessary to expand affordable housing, it is a limit on the right of corporations to build additional luxury apartments and hotels that L.A. residents cannot afford.

The proposed ordinance is dangerous and serves the wealthy hotel industry and developers who are constructing new luxury hotels and apartments as we speak. New construction needs to prioritize affordability and housing, not more luxury hotels and apartments. Home sharing ordinances need to encourage home-based employment and self-employment without penalty.
@josehuizar do not ruin AirBNB in Los Angeles. Your vote matters. We have paid the city of LA over 40 Million in occupancy taxes. #airbnb

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