

To whom it may concern:

My name is Polina Kratova and I am a resident in the Silver Lake/Koreatown area of Los Angeles and also a "home-sharer". Having the ability to let out my studio apartment to short-term renters has been helping me to thrive economically. As a college student and nonprofit organization worker it is hard to be able to afford the rent and monthly expenses. Short-term rent allowed me to have a source of income to relieve some of the expenses. However, if the city passes an ordinance to limit the amount of days I can rent out my space, it would negatively affect my income.

I believe that AIRBNB brings an enormous amount of income to the city of Los Angeles, because the people who visit using AIRBNB prefer the home-setting and would not stay or be able to afford the hotel prices. If the ordinance comes in place, the chances are that the short-term guests would prefer other areas to stay at and that would turn away the stable source of the tourists and visitors that are coming to the area through the year. This in turn would result in affecting the local businesses that have stable income through offering services to the guests.

So many people and businesses would be affected if an ordinance was passed to regulate what has been such an amazing opportunity for us as well as our guests. I rent out my place to carefully screened guests, to protect myself and my neighborhood. I would have a very hard time paying my bills if the short-term is restricted.

I hope the City Council will take into consideration the concerns mentioned above as well as will review the ordinance carefully considering the positive and beneficial change home-sharing brings to the communities of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,
Polina Kratova

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Subject: Protect Home Sharing in LA

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Dear council members:

I am against the restrictions being discussed regarding short term rentals. Options such as Airbnb benefit those who do not have the money to splurge on expensive hotels while providing the comfort and convenience of a home while traveling. The flexibility of managing one's own Airbnb property also benefits those who cannot have a full-time job due to childcare or other restrictions. Short-term rentals benefit both sides--the guests and the hosts--in immeasurable ways. Please don't impose any further restrictions or taxes--living in Southern California, we are taxed enough. Thank you for the good work you do.

Juliette De Soto