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I am a home sharing host. I welcome people into my home from all over the world. Many of these people would not be able to visit Los Angeles if this option were not available to them. The cost of hotel rooms, sometimes multiple rooms and the ancillary costs of parking and meals would make their stay in LA prohibitive. When my wife and I travel, we almost always opt for an AirBnB, Homeaway or other home sharing option. We would not be able to do it if this was not available

I live in Valley Village. I am opposed to the portions of proposed ordinance that limit what people can do within their own primary residence. I am particularly concerned about the limiting of the number of days people can home share and how many listings within their home they can have active at one time i.e. a guest quarters and single room within their home. Also of concern are the clauses that would prohibit hosts from other work related activities.

I would suggest that the argument that we are taking rental units of the market is a spurious argument. A guest quarters or room in a house would not be rented out full time. In my case, I have family members and friends that come to visit. Home sharing gives me the option and flexibility to have or not have guests on my property at any given time. I should be able to make that decision, not the city.

I am also opposed to the criminalization of home sharing as proposed in the ordinance. Making home sharing a misdemeanor offense is an outrageous misappropriation of the court system and a violation of basic human rights. Doesn't the City of Los Angeles have enough problems with the homeless, home invasion and crime in general to criminalize people who are just trying to pay their bills and make ends meet?

I depend on home sharing to pay my bills. I am two time cancer survivor. I am healthy now but at times, home sharing helps me keep my home.

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