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To: councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org

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Dear Councilman O'Farrell,

Hello! My name is Kellee, and I'm the owner and operator of Kellee Creative, a small weaving and tapestry outfit based in Silver Lake.

I am in full support of short-term home-sharing in Los Angeles - specifically Silver Lake. When I moved here, I came here by myself. I didn't know the city, and I had no one to stay with as I looked for a home to call my own. That's where Airbnb came in. I stayed in a small Airbnb listing while I scoured Craigslist for apartments. Moving from Illinois to California was stressful, but if I didn't have that Airbnb listing, I'm not sure where I would have stayed or what my life would look like now.

See, Silver Lake is a neighborhood inside of a big city, as you know. There aren't many hotels in Silver Lake, and almost everyone I know who has come to visit has stayed in an Airbnb listing during their vacation. People want to see this beautiful city as a local - not as a tourist. Short-term rentals give them that option and almost ensure that they're going to come back.

I'm flat out opposed to the proposed 180 night cap on rental. Hosts pay their mortgages by renting their homes on these sites. The reason a lot of people list their spaces is because they can no longer work at traditional job. Limiting their income is irresponsible and dangerous.

Thank you for your time,  
Kellee

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