

LA City Council File #14-1635-S2

Dear Councilman,

Thank you for taking time to read my letter.

I am a hard working succesful student who support herself without taking student loans to pursue her education. After high school, I had to support my family financially. I was working so hard that I had to put my goals and career plans a side for years. Living in Los Angeles is expensive and mortgage payments were giving me a very hard time. I was looking for solution and then I heard Airbnb and it changed my life. I start sharing my extra space with people from all around to world. Sharing my home did not only helped me pay my bills, but also helped me create a network that is strong and trustable. Airbnb made it possible to start my education and feel like a strong business woman. Just because Airbnb I am now able to pay my school credits and my family expenses without any debt.

I am 28 years old now and I will be graduating from Cal State Northridge with communications degree in two years. However, I am scared now because of possible future limitations on Airbnb. I am already working on two different jobs and without the help that i am getting from Airbnb there is no way that I can support my family, pay the mortgage and go to school.

Your decision will effect my family and change my future.

Thank you,

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Dear Councilman Blumenfield:

My name is Leslie Vanderpool and my husband and I are Airbnb hosts in the West San Fernando Valley. I am contacting you due to the concern we have over the latest regulations being introduced, especially the 180 day cap.

Airbnb is what is keeping us in our home. In the last year, both my husband and son have had orthopedic surgeries. We have owned our home for 19 years and really have needed the income Airbnb affords us to pay these extra bills.

Even though we've only done Airbnb for one year, it has greatly enriched our lives. We have made friends from all over the world. Our guests love the local family owned breakfast diner, Mexican restaurant and other establishments that a hotel may not recommend. We have a 5 star rating and have not had a single issue with our guests or neighbors.

Please consider those of us who are doing short term rentals responsibly and allow us to continue to rent year round. It means everything to us.

Sincerely,

Leslie Vanderpool

Dear Councilman,

Airbnb has been a blessing for my family. I am asking you not to restrict our ability to rent our home from time to time as we've done in the past almost two years.

With the help of Airbnb, I am able to pay for my son's extracurricular activities, I was able to afford \$3,000 for my daughter's ACT preparation course as she is waiting to be accepted by major universities to major in computer science.

The families who stay in our home are happy to be able to afford traveling to Los Angeles - something some of them were not able to do in the past.

I am hoping that you will concentrate your efforts on supporting the new wave of sharing economy that enhances people's lives as opposed to protecting interests of large hotel chains who are unable to adapt to new technologies and new realities in this world. History shows that new progressive changes and technologies will prevail and I hope you will support and facilitate such changes in our lives.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Anatoly Valushkin

My name is Sheri West and this is my personal story on how Airbnb has changed my life for the better. Airbnb has made such a positive impact on my family in so many ways, most notably how it allows me to support my family of four as a single mother with a stroke ridden husband.

I am able to make ends meet on a single income, and also have time to manage my daily tasks which include feeding, bathing, and taking general care of my husband with the help of my two children on a regular basis. Not to mention the four fur babies I have as well! To say my life is hectic would be an understatement.

I strongly feel that Airbnb brings about a positive impact to my community by allowing us to share not only our home, but our diverse culture to new people who simply want a roof over their head, while helping to provide one of my very own for my family.

I hope my story gives insight as to how not only our own, but how many other people in the world feel about Airbnb. Thank you.

To Whom It May Concern:

My family went through a tragedy last year when we lost my father from a sudden and very short fight with cancer. What should have been a time spent mourning was instead a time spent trying to figure out what would happen to my parents' home - the one my dad built 30-some years ago. We knew it was impossible for my mom to continue living there considering she'd only be living off of one social security check, but no one was ready to uproot her entire life.

Airbnb came to us at a time my family really needed it. We were getting ready to sell our family's home but instead decided to rent out the extra space instead. Within 12 hours we were fully booked for 4 months. This continued for the next 15 months. While my mom lives in the house, I help greet guests and take care of all the cleaning and prep. We've had a chance to meet people from all over the world and share our special place with them. Airbnb helped save our house and allowed my mom to stay close to so many wonderful memories.

Airbnb is doing an amazing thing for residents. It's allowing people to make use of space that goes unused, and, in our case, allowing people to continue living in their homes. My family has kept in touch with many people who have come through our home and we feel special to have shared in such a big part of their lives - whether it be a cross country trip, a first time visit to the states, or a short stay while finding a new home in Los Angeles. I hope that upon deliberation of home sharing laws in Los Angeles, people will look at the good that comes from short term rentals.

Thank you,
Caroline Wirz

I love being an Airbnb Host.

I have traveled the world & prefer youth hostels. Now I am able to be an ambassador for other travelers to my neighborhood, city, state, country.

I have been hosting foreign high school students for 30 years.

We are rated, so enjoying hosting, keeping a clean property, comfortable home, & being respectful of our neighbors is what provides good reviews.

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Woodland Hills,
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May 1st 2017

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Dear Council Member Blumenfield,
Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

I have been living in the United States for the past 5 years having been born and raised in UK.
I am grateful for the new start Woodland Hills has given me and am fortunate enough to have obtained a mortgage to enable me to buy my first home here.

The mortgage repayments although severe, are a form a retirement savings, the equity in my home will allow me to retire in less than 10 years time without being a burden to the City of Los Angeles, the Federal Government or my family.

My spare room and guest bathroom, listed on Air BnB for the past 18 months, have attracted folks from all over the US and indeed the world. The hundred Dollars or so each week, that on average the listing has generated, has allowed me to pay my property tax in full and on time each month, averting late payments and arrears.

The price of property in Los Angeles and the resulting Property Tax, (\$550 per month), would have been impossible to find without Air BnB.

Not to mention the local businesses on the stretch of Ventura Blvd. between Shoup and Woodlake that I have recommended to my guests, resulting in the area being safer and more vibrant than it was just 5 years ago.

I would appreciate your support in allowing decent working folk like myself, to continue enjoying the benefits of Air BnB and the net contribution we all make on the local economy.

Many Thanks

Simon Ordever (C.M.A.)

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To Whom It May Concern,

It has been brought to my attention that there is a vote coming up as it relates to homesharing in general. I feel very passionately about this for a vast array of reasons. Please let me share.

I am a single 38 year old women, living in LA with no family. I moved out here when I was 20 and have worked extremely hard to build a life, my credit, and subsequently buy a home. More about this: In general I am slightly scared living alone. Which for financial reasons usually drives me to have a roommate for both income and a 2nd pair of ears to listen during the night. What eventually happens is I get irritated with said roommate, decide to live alone, get scared, and invite someone back to live again.

Airbnb has allowed me to feel more secure with someone on the property so I do not need a roommate. Additionally, the income not only keeps me from needing a roommate for financial reasons, but has also freed up a spare room in my house for me to start yet another online business and begin to employ others.

You understand what I'm saying? Airbnb income has afforded me the security on several levels that inadvertently has helped me become a "job creator." That's the American Dream right? We pay sales tax and income tax. – Good for the economy right?

On a personal note I can speak on so many levels about Airbnb both as a host and a traveler. I have been able to host young people who otherwise would not have been able to afford "our first trip to la from the Midwest." I am a hippie at heart and believe most of the world's problems come from an idea of separateness. To be able to join with strangers from across the globe in this way has brought so much person joy to my life. For people who were not born in a higher tax bracket – to take away a way to travel in an less expensive way seems like a violation of civil rights. Reciprocally, to tax and regulate what I do in my own home, also feels like a violation of my rights.

As a traveler I have had the most amazing experiences traveling alone and feeling comfortable because of the airbnb community.

Everyone knows the risk and rewards that are possible when traveling into a person's personal property. It is unjustified to govern / regulate who another choses to let into their home, or where another human being choses to lay their head at night.

I can only assume those that take issue with this community are those of the bigger hotel industry and or the taxing agencies in ones community. Finally there has been a slight evolution in the system - one that brings somewhat economic freedom to homeowners and unifying connection with people. It's unfortunate that this has an effect on the hotel industry. I bet that is how the horse breeders felt when the automobile was invented.

Its bad enough my phone / laptop / television are being monitored at all times by various agencies. Please keep my house out of that equation. Remember the right to privacy – or is that too going the way of the landline?

Vote in my best interest.

Thanks you,
Sincerely Sarah Jankowski

Reseda, CA
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PS: Via another homesharing company called Homesuite I hosted a long term couple renting for 2 month while relocating for work. What is important about this is they were die hard Trump supporters. I myself will most likely die with a Bernie Sanders sticker on my car. We couldn't have been more diametrically opposed politically (you would think) However we spent many a nights talking into the late hours about our various beliefs and found more similarities than differences. We became great friends, and they are now local to me and we get together regularly. In a country that is paralyzed and polarized – sharing my home brought us together in a way our country was mean to to be “UNITED.”

While this scenario illustrated below by Heinekin has been contrived. ... What happens in homes all over the world (and in the example I just explained) is the same and is happening organically and naturally. Why would any agency wish to impede this perfect opportunity for unity?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wYXw4K0A3g>

Dear Councilman Bob Blumenfield,

I would like to ask you, who do you do you represent? How are you serving the best interest of L.A. and particularly the valley when you are considering approval of an ordinance that is not only unfair but harms Los Angelino's economic stability? Why did Uber and Airbnb thrive in L.A.? Economic opportunity and need was being fulfilled. As this new income was generated it trickled down into the local economy helping small businesses stay open, helping home owners keep their homes, and creating opportunity from the hard earned assets.

The bankers got bailed out when they made fraudulent high risk loans but the homeowners across L.A. watched the economy implode with a loss of equity to their biggest asset. Many people needed new income opportunities while staying in their home, keeping current jobs, and paying down existing debt. The last thing they needed was more educational debt, more loans and borrowing, or leaving the unaffordable L.A. Yet the big exit from California has continued. Those who stayed got a fighting chance through home based businesses like Airbnb.

The hotels might cry fowl, and say that they are losing their customer base, but some of these travelers don't get opportunities to travel as a family because they could not afford to do it before. Some prefer the modest accommodations or those catering to pets, smokers, handicapped, or just more convenient locations near friends and family. Sometimes the lack of hotel choices creates a need due to seasonal trends or events. Airbnb bridges that gap.

As a host, I do more for my guests than I ever received from a high end hotel. I shop differently than I ever have, choosing local gift shops and specialty stores and seeking services from local talent for my guests is another way I bring money to the local economy. Hosts are hiring yoga instructors, chefs, Uber drivers, and even notaries.

I never shopped locally before, couldn't tell you about local landmarks, never would have spent money on high end chocolates, wines, linen, foreign foods and candles. Now that is central to my daily life. And that's just my local spending, that does not include my guests. Now that they saved money on living accommodations they have more to spend on entertainment, dining, and souvenirs.

Prior to L.A. adopting an ordinance to reduce the number of days we can have guests, I was booked fully. The impact of the hotel tax you now charge my guests has resulted in my reservations plummeting to only having 3 guests in 4 months. All that local spending I did is gone, and all of the guests local spending gone. How does this help L.A.? How do more foreclosures help L.A.? How does the great exodus help L.A.? Why would L.A. City hall ignore the economic stability of the middle class working families?

I ask that you reconsider the limitations you have put on the Airbnb hosts. You have made the business too problematic. In order to provide guests fully furnished accommodations the income must exceed unfurnished rentals. You cannot alternate between the two. The restriction on how many days a rental can be occupied decimates the core the reason for being an Airbnb host, economic stability and predictability.

L.A. City Hall is unwittingly demolishing the one true asset that creates economic stability, home businesses.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Lisa Cerda, Airbnb Host

Tarzana Resident

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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld,

It has come to my attention that the city has been working on creating an ordinance that would regulate short-term rentals in L.A. As the city is working on the ordinance, San Fernando Valley neighborhoods have been giving pushback on favorable legislation by trying to support severe restrictions.

I am a single mother who owns my own business in the Valley for 27 years. I am presently paying for my daughter's ghastly college tuition and supporting my elderly father.

When it came time to supplement my income, which I have needed to do, I found Airbnb to be incredibly beneficial, as I have a 4-bedroom home in Woodland Hills, one of which has been a spare room, until I signed up with Airbnb. This arrangement has worked much better for me than renting to someone on a permanent basis.

Almost all of my guests thus far have been business people, as opposed to tourists, as there are tons of businesses in my immediate vicinity that often host events that bring people in from other cities.

Businesses such as Wella Studio Salon which offers classes to stylists from around the country.

Blackline and other businesses attract out-of-towners, people who tend toward preferring a home environment over a hotel for their stay. I have hosted physicians who have come to town for specific cases at the nearby Kaiser Medical Center. These visitors have contributed to the economy of the Ventura Blvd businesses that largely make up this community, and the experience has been nothing but positive. I am very discerning as to whom I offer my room to, and always take in mind the integrity of the community and always respecting my neighbors.

Upon deliberation of home-sharing in the L.A. areas, I urge you to create sensible, fair laws that protect community members like me, and encourage the San Fernando Valley board members to support the Bonin/Wesson Motion on short-term rentals so that long-term San Fernando Valley residents like myself can continue living in a place I've called home for years.

Sincerely,

Karla Ross

Dear Councilman,

Airbnb has been a blessing for my family. I am asking you not to restrict our ability to rent our home from time to time as we've done in the past almost two years.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Anatoly Valushkin

Dear Mr. Krekorian,

Through the Airbnb community I have been informed that legislation is trying to pass a law to put a cap on the number of nights hosted, therefore eliminating our year round profits.

Please note that I am a new mother pushing 40. I have worked in the fashion industry for 20 years that, although I loved the work I did, unfortunately demanded too much of my time, energy, and was much too stressfull in regards to my personal health. The lack of giving back to the community and the poor environmental impact that the industry produces has played a great deal on my conscience.

By becoming a host on Airbnb I have gained the financial freedom quit my job and to not only spend more time with my child, but to take online courses in order to change my career path. Because of this I am now looking forward to a new career in a more flexible industry where I will have the potential to continue my education and, by the grace of God, play a role where I can give back to my community. I look forward to a new, refreshing, and enlightening future.

Also because of hosting with Airbnb I have met people from across the globe that have reconfirmed my belief in humanity. My guests bring with them an open dialogue regarding their culture and personal adventures, that I use to benefit/educate myself and others in basic understanding and acceptance of our worldly neighbors.

Due to our room being a short-term rental I also have the freedom to not book my room in the event I have friends or family come to visit. In the past I have had long term tenants that have not only caused property damage, but have claimed squatters rights and therefore loosing out on additional money to court and lawyer fees. In the event that I am not satisfied with a guests I am able to leave a unsatisfactory review, an asset I wish was available to me in the past for screening my long term tenants.

Please keep in mind that because of the income from my short-term rental I am able to make a career change in a time of life that is most challenging, and am blessed with the freedom to spend more time with my son during his precious fleeting youth.

Much regards,

Melanie Howard.

Dear Mr. Krekorian:

April 19th, 2017

It has come to my attention that the city has been working on creating an ordinance that would regulate short term rentals in L.A.. As the city is working on the ordinance, San Fernando Valley Neighborhoods have been giving pushback on favorable legislation by trying to support severe restrictions.

I'm a single 55 year old woman on disability. I always lived in the LA I As long as I had an income I could afford the mortgage and live comfortably. However, when I had to rely on my small Social Security Disability alone, things became very difficult and I almost lost my home.

I have a 2 bedroom condo in Studio City. The second bedroom was always empty except for the occasional visitors. My friends knew I was struggling and that I was about to lose my home. They urged me to rent the second bedroom to help pay the mortgage. I resisted taking someone on a permanent basis as I do like to have some privacy from time to time. That is when Airbnb came to save my life and my home.

Airbnb allows me to choose who I want in my home and for how long. It helps me greatly with the payment of the mortgage, the dues and property taxes which I could not offered otherwise. Without this extra income I would be forced out of my house and would not be able to find lodging for my two dogs, a cat and myself. Right now, to rent an apartment in Los Angeles, the rents are more than my mortgage and to be able to rent you have to show an income of 3 times the rent. With my income, that would make me homeless and I would lose my lifelong pets.

Most of my guests have been coming to Los Angeles, to spend time at Universal Studios and contribute greatly to the economy of the StudioCity, Hollywood and Beverly Hills. Some are here for seminars

others are parents who come to help their children settle at UCLA or are here to visit their children, others are young Doctors, Physicists, Mathematicians here to gain some American University experience. All these people, come and spend money in LA and surrounding areas at places such as Target, Ross, Bed Bath and Beyond, Marshall's, Macy's, CVS, Universal, FashionMall and the cinemas. They also use the local restaurants, hairdressers, manicurists, grocery stores.

Upon deliberation of home sharing in L.A., I urge you to create sensible, fair laws that protect community members like me, and encourage the San Fernando Vally, Studio City board members to support the Bonin/Wesson Motion on short term rentals so that long term Studio City residents like myself can continue living in a place I've called home all these years.

Sincerely,

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For Lisa Nichols-Jell
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April 26, 2017

Dear Councilman Krekorian,

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

My wife and I rent out a room in our home on Airbnb two reasons. One, because we love sharing our home with people as other's have for us. An Airbnb home sharing experience is very, very personal, and thus very, very enjoyable! When we began renting our room, we thought people might treat our home like a hotel, but alas, we have found not a single one has! They treat it like THEIR home (or better, I suspect) and certainly leave the room in better and cleaner condition than any of our four children ever have! The second reason we rent is the volatile nature of our careers and the subsequent inconsistent income derived from them. I'm an actor and my wife owns her own business. Each of our yearly incomes fluctuate wildly. The ability to run a third business right out of our home provides for us the joy of giving and some financial peace of mind.

We would think it incredibly unfair if we were to be made to only rent our room for six months out of the year. First off, if we can rent for six, then why not twelve months? Is it only half okay to share your home with others? The impact on our neighbors is nil. Homes being built now, and ours is included here, are by code mandated to have a sufficient number of parking spots to accommodate its size, so stressed parking is not an issue. Most of my guests come to visit Universal Studios, eat out and shop locally – bringing money to our Studio City community. We pay our taxes to the city, state, and federal government on our rental so everyone shares in our home sharing!

Lastly, "sharing" companies like Airbnb and Uber, et al – have made us all realize that business is really about people helping people for fair trade. And what the heck is wrong with that? It's only helping people and making them feel good, as far as we can see!

Thanks for your consideration to vote "nay" on any statute limiting our ability to share our home on AirBnb.

Sincerely,



Thomas Calabro

For Lisa Nichols-Jell

Dear Mr. Krekorian

My name is Linda Meyers I'm a Studio City Resident, and I do Airbnb on the side to make some extra income to pay my mortgage, and other bills. It's also been a great opportunity to meet new people and to humbly share my home as I am the only person who lives here. I am urging you to create fair laws that protect community members like me, and support short term rentals for people who can't afford to stay in lavish hotels. I feel this is such a beneficial thing to help others in need and to keep some extra income in the process while enjoying the company.

Sincerely,

Linda Meyers

My husband and I bought our very first home in June of 2014. The moment I walked into this home I knew there was something so unique about it. The home has a guest unit behind the main home. The guest unit has a beautiful open layout with its own private back patio. If it wasn't for the smaller closet space, I would have wanted to live in the guest unit because it's so adorable.

Once we bought the property and got the guest unit into the condition we wanted, we put it on the market in search of a long-term tenant. We had a lot of inquiries which was very exciting but we still wanted to make sure we found just the right person to share our primary residence with us.

We were there so thrilled and relieved to have found a young woman to move into our home who we felt was a great fit.

My husband and I are both artists whose lives can change at a moment's notice, and knowing that we were going to have this consistent income coming in to help us pay the mortgage was very important to us.

After our new tenant signed a year lease contract, she painted some of the walls and began moving in some of her belongings. A couple weeks later, she decided to completely back out of the lease!

The tenant's parents were involved and completely refused to pay any money for her breaking her contract and didn't care how long it would take us to find another tenant and all that money we would be losing out on. It was completely devastating!

We had already spent months making the place a perfect home to live in, interviewed tons of people, dealt with contracts, and then, all of a sudden, we were right back where we started....stuck paying the full mortgage and very nervous about getting burned again by another long-term tenant failure.

My husband had a really great friend who had been renting his house on Airbnb for the 6 months prior and told us how much it changed his life. It was helping him so much with the mortgage, plus he was meeting amazing people from all over the world, and was having a blast being a host.

It was the most perfect timing to hear this and we were so excited about the possibility of sharing our home to travelers from all over the world. After lots of researching and weighing our odds, we finally decided this was going to be our next venture, but every day that went by that we were not on the market, we were losing money. I worked so hard, and as quickly as I could, to turn our back home into the travelers oasis that I knew it could be and get it on the Airbnb website!

In the middle of November of 2014 we were ready to put our home up for RENT! I put it on Airbnb late on a Thursday night and I woke up the next morning to an inquiry for that SUNDAY! It was like Christmas morning! I couldn't believe how quickly someone reached out.

From that day until now, we have hosted over a couple hundred people traveling from all over the world, helping with our mortgage every month. It has been an absolute dream come true!!!

Meeting so many different people and hearing how much of an impact our home has had on their vacations and travels has been unbelievable. We have fallen in love with hosting on Airbnb. We have fallen in love with the stress reliever of not worrying about being able to pay our mortgage. We have fallen in love with offering people a safe & cozy vacation environment, while offering them unique local business to visit that they wouldn't normally be able to find. With each guest that shares our space, our back home is growing more of a heart. You can feel the love more and more every time you open the door. Most of our guests are parents whose kids have moved out to LA, live down the street from us, and have no extra room to house their parents. Because there are not any great hotel locations close to us, we

provide a safe environment for families to be closer to one another.

Hosting on Airbnb has changed my husband's and my life emotionally, mentally, financially and physically. We do not know what we would do without it!

We work very hard on creating a beautiful home away from home for our guests traveling from out of town and some that even live close by. And every single one of them has left our home with the warmest of memories. Is it such a different experience then any hotel could ever give them. I classify it as being in a league of its own, and believe it should be treated accordingly.

I understand that there might have to be changes made to the system and if you could please help create very clear, fair, and customized rules to separate the difference between those who are taking advantage of airbnb and those who are using it only to benefit their lives, and the travelers lives, and the lives of local businesses.

I truly hope that my husband and I, and the rest of the hosts in our community don't have to loose out on any of the incredible opportunities that Airbnb allows us to have.

Thank you so much for your time.

Liana Snarberg

Dear Councilman Krekorian

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

I have lived and work in the North Hollywood area for the past 7 years. It is only because I have been able to home share through AirBnB that I can afford to make my house payment. Please do not restrict my ability to continue hosting. I have been a wonderful host to many travelers from around the world. I offer a safe and beautiful place to share and cultivate lasting relationships with people I have hosted. If you restrict the number of days that I can rent my home then I will not be able make my house payment.

I have always been involved in supporting community efforts to make North Hollywood a beautiful place to live.

Please consider your decision and how it will effect my future.

Thank you again,

Reno B.

I would like to share my feedback and the guests feedback about Airbnb,

I lost my job so someone advise me to rent my place to Airbnb, it has been working great guests come from all over specially internationally they like the fact that they provided a kitchen so they can buy groceries and prepare food at home, when they save on the costs of the accommodations they do lots of shopping and able to spend more in the city.

Airbnb was a great idea and in my opinion it should grow more specially it created lots of revenues to the city.

Remon H

There is Never enough rooms available for short term STUDENTS in Los Angeles.

Contrary to what one might think. These "students" are extremely wealthy and spend an enormous amount of money in Los Angeles.

Now, you might say, "ok make them stay in hotels".

This, my friends, is not a kind and thoughtful way to respond.

These young ladies, in most cases, want safe "family oriented" places to call home while they stay in Los Angeles. They are often here for months at a time and want the safety of a local in the home. Someone they can rely on for guidance and security while staying in a large scary city.

AIRBNB hosts are booked solid in the right neighborhoods and many neighborhood are NOT for weekend tourist. They are, as I described, for students. Money from other countries and who spend freely.

One student bought an M6 while staying here and then sold it when she left for a fraction of the cost to buy.

If you restrict AIRBNB, you are not doing so with the local economy in mind.

The local economy, including all the private schools, studios and industry coaches are flourishing due to the presence of AIRBNB.

Thank you,
Peter

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Dear Councilman,

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

I live in the 90046 zip code.

I was one of the millions of people who ignorantly bought a predatory mortgage. I was told that I would have a 1% rate for 2 years and that the percentage would increase after that, but as the housing prices were skyrocketing in 2006, they said that the best thing would be to refinance at the lowest market rate when the time came for the interest rate increase. They neglected to say, and I didn't ask them what the new interest rate would be. Turns out that it went up to 10% and my monthly payment tripled, meaning that there was no way I could make the inflated payment. So, I was advised to apply for a loan modification, and in the meantime, that I should move into my guest quarters and rent out the main part of the house, to try and pay the new mortgage.

I did just that, and I was able to keep my house. As per Google, 7 million people lost their homes that

year (2008), I was not one of them . I have considered myself fortunate that I had guest quarters to move in to.

My income dropped significantly during the recession, and has not risen to the point that I can afford my mortgage. It is only because of AirBnB and other sites like Home Away etc. that I have been able to keep my home. I live on site in a separate unit, and have maintained a really nice space for travelers. I have had guests from all over the world, and have a number of 5 star reviews. I am entering retirement age and I'd really like to keep my home.

Please do not restrict my ability to rent out a portion of my home.

I am sure that I am not alone in this. This will affect thousands, perhaps millions of homeowners negatively. Please reconsider,

Thanks,

Paul G.

Dear Councilman,

My name is Michael Shuman and have been an Airbnb host for the last year and a half. It has been a wonderful experience being able to host different people from all over the world and see how much they enjoy staying at my house, and being able to use all the amenities as if they were at their own home. Not only that, but it has enabled me to pay for my mortgage as most of the year I am away on business.

I can't imagine not being able to move forward with being a host through Airbnb! Thanks for your time.

Councilman Krekorian:

I've lived in the valley for over 10 years, working as an actor, musician, and writer. Jobs in the industry can be sporadic, and home sharing allows me to have a consistent income so that I can be sure I will be able to pay for my mortgage and health insurance.

The additional income has also allowed me to invest in my property. Revenue from Airbnb has allowed me to add solar panels to my roof, greywater recycling for my landscaping, a new driveway, and numerous other improvements. My property value has increased dramatically, and the environmental impact of my home reduced.

My neighbors love that I run an Airbnb. Most of my Airbnb guests are visiting family in the neighborhood, and I provide a cost-effective alternative to a hotel. In over 3 years of operation, I've never had a single complaint or noise disturbance, but I've had many neighbors ask me how their friends and family could rent my place!

Limiting home sharing to a certain number of days a year would have a huge negative impact on myself and many others for no gain. It wouldn't increase long-term rental properties, it just makes part-time short-term rentals.

I urge you to back legislation allowing home sharing with no time restrictions.

Thank you for listening to your constituents on this matter.

Sincerely,
Micah Sloat
4314 Alcove Ave, Studio City, 91604

To whom it may concern,

It is very important to me and my family that we continue to be able to host guests at our house through airbnb.

The income that we receive from sharing our home makes it possible for us to have a home - the money we make off of airbnb doesn't pay for everything but it lessens the burden and allows us the opportunity to have a house of our own.

My husband has a bad back and the extra income helps when he cannot work. he works freelance (as do I) and have no health or pension plans paid through an employer - we pay for it all ourselves and with the cost of medical bills, utilities, upkeep - we need airbnb to survive.

Please do not restrict our ability to make a living.

Sincerely,
Skye

4/23/17

Dear Mr. Krekorian,

It has come to my attention that the city has been working on creating an ordinance that would regulate short term rentals in L.A..

I'm a single, college educated "millennial" with several part time jobs and many ambitions. I live in a run-down (although quickly gentrifying) neighborhood in North Hollywood. There are bullet holes in the palm tree in front of my apartment building and a gang known as the "North Hollywood Boyz" still flex fear on the block. I say this because living here is a CHOICE that I've made because it provides me the life I am able to live (low rent while still being central to the city). Airbnb has been a HUGE factor in my ability to sustain myself here.

A statistic was released recently showing that the median income for a millennial is \$24,000/year. My income reflects this statistic. If it were not for my ability to rent out my apartment to short term guests, there were several instances where I probably could not have made rent or would have had to turn to some hard-earned way of making the rent. Thankfully, I have been able to utilize this service and have had 99% positive experiences with guests and have made friends along the way, and I'd like to think shown travelers a diplomatic introduction to Los Angeles.

Please consider mine and others experiences with this system and the benefit that it brings to the community. Home sharing services have truly become a way of life in this day and age and I ask that you take into account those of us who need it the most.

Sincerely,

Seth A

LA City Council File #14-1635-S2

May 2, 2017

Dear Councilman Krekorian,

I am a home owner in North Hollywood Ca. I have lived in Los Angeles for the past 21 years. I am currently a single mother of 2.

My children and I love our home and love living in North Hollywood.

Interest rates have risen, taxes are high and once my alimony payments stopped, I was concerned I would not be able to keep my beautiful house.

It is only because I have been able to home share through AirBnB that I can afford to stay in my home. Please do not restrict my ability to rent out a portion of my home. I live on site and have been a landlord to many wonderful travelers from around the world. I have created a safe and beautiful place to share and cultivate lasting relationships with the people I have rented too. This ability to rent out is allowing me to help pay my mortgage and household bills so my children can live in this area and in our lovely home. If you restrict the number of days I can rent my space I will not be able to afford to live in the home I have lived in for the past 12 years. The home my children have only ever known.

Please consider your decision and how it will effect my family's future.

Thank you,

Sarah Salvatore

Hi Paul,

My name is Shannon Walter from NYC, I am a professional dancer and student and because of this peaceful Airbnb listing in Sherman Oaks, I was able to stay in Los Angeles for 5 days longer, than I would have been able to had I stayed in a hotel, which allowed me to enjoy your amazing city with the personal perspective of how a local lives around North Hollywood & "the valley", while also enjoying a peaceful garden with a host who had the sweetest dog..

Now that I was able come out to LA and experience it from a locals perspective, I am planning to move to this amazing city hopefully within the next year.

None of that would have been possible in a hotel setting, and these are just some of the reasons why I chose to stay in this lovely home-sharing listing, and why I want to voice my full support that Airbnb in Los Angeles is not shut down, or limited.

That would be a massive loss for tourists like me, for the home owners like the Airbnb hosts, and definitely for your wonderful city, too.

Respectfully,
Shannon Walter

Dear Paul Krekorian,

It has come to my attention that the city has been working on creating an ordinance that would regulate short term rentals in L.A.. I am student who is trying to finish my education, so I can get a good pay job in the future. As long as I stay in school I have very little time to work and Airbnb been a very great for this. I tried to work different jobs here since I moved to US 6 years ago, but I was only able to get a minimum wage jobs which is usually on the other side of the town. I was very exhausted and had no money to live only pay rent and buy some cheap food. Also my grads were bad because I had no time to study properly. Then my roommate moved out and I was not able to pay rent at all, I was trying to find somebody, but had a lot of bad experience with them. That is when Airbnb came to save my life. Airbnb allows me to choose who I want in my home and for how long. It helps me greatly with the payment of my rent, bills, the dues and which I could not afford otherwise. Without this income I would be forced to live by my landlord and would not be able to find lodging. Right now, to rent an apartment in Los Angeles, the rents are super expensive and to be able to rent you have to show an income of 3 times the rent. With my income, that would make me homeless. Most of my guests have been coming to Los Angeles, to spend time exploring the City and contribute greatly to the economy of the North Hollywood. All these people, come and spend money at the local restaurants, hairdressers, manicurists, grocery stores. Upon deliberation of home sharing in L.A., I urge you to create sensible, fair laws that protect community members like me, and

encourage the board members to support on short term rentals so that I can finish the university and get a good life.

Sincerely, Valeria T.

Dear Mr. Krekorinan:

I have been informed that the city of Los Angeles is working on an ordinance that would regulate short term rentals in Los Angeles. It has been brought to my attention that San Fernando Valley Neighborhoods have resisted favorable legislation by trying to support severe restrictions.

To tell you a bit about myself, I had lost my job back in 2015 and was unemployed for almost a year. I have been supporting my wife for the past 11 years and we have been dependent solely on my income. We have a two bedroom home in the San Fernando Valley that we have been living in since 2003. Living off unemployment was a huge setback for us and we took the advice of a friend who told us to look into hosting our guest house on Airbnb.

Airbnb was a life saver for us, it helped us to be able to pay our mortgage, bills and property taxes. Without Airbnb, I don't know what we would have done. The cost of rent in LA has skyrocketed here and we most likely would have had to sell our home and find a cheaper state to live in, which many of our friends have had to do.

Many of our guests come to Los Angeles as tourists and contribute greatly to the economy here by visiting places like Hollywood, Universal Studios, The NoHo district, Museums, Disneyland, visiting the beach areas on the westside and shopping at the local stores and restaurants.

I urge you upon deliberation of home sharing in Los Angeles, to create sensible, fair laws that protect community members like me and encourage the board members to help support short term rentals. It not only makes sense for the economy of Los Angeles, but it makes sense for San Fernando residents like myself who would like to continue to be able to afford to live in this place I have called my home for so many years.

Sincerely,

Stephen E.

Hi Paul,

My name is Fabrizia Guadagnini, I'm from Italy. I am an employee for an energy company. Back in December, thanks to this peaceful Airbnb listing in Sherman Oaks, I was able to stay in Los Angeles 3 days longer than I would have been able to had I stayed in a hotel - I was able to enjoy your beautiful city with the personal perspective of how a local lives around North Hollywood & around "the valley", while also enjoying a peaceful garden environment.

Without the opportunity to stay with my host, that would have been possible in a hotel setting and these are just some of the reasons why I chose to stay in an Airbnb home share, and why I wish to share my full support that Airbnb home-sharing in Los Angeles is not limited or shut down.

That would be a huge loss for avid tourists like me, for your community of constituents such as your amazing Airbnb hosts, and most definitely for your wonderful city of angels.

Respectfully,

Fabrizia Guadagnini

Dear David Ryu

I am writing to ask you for help to write a clear fair legislation regarding home sharing. I'm a songwriter and when my ex-fiancé and I split I found myself in the heart of Hollywood with a 2 bedroom which was going to be for our envisioned child but now single I needed to rent out my room to keep my place. I had horrible experiences renting to people off of craigslist and when I was made aware of air bnb I was elated to know there was a protection from the elusiveness of payment and breaking of house rules (no drugs/alcohol and be respectful). I had such an amazing experience meeting aspiring actors and having the opportunity to make friends and connections all over the world. I even co wrote a song with a Swedish pop star!

Please consider my story and my situation when you draft a legislation regarding home sharing

Respectfully

Pete mills

Dear Mr. Ryu,

With recent developments of finding the appropriate legislation with regards to short-term rental, I feel I need to have my voice be heard.

Let me start by saying that I do understand the need to come up with fair legislation so short term rental can be of benefit for many without hurting others.

I've been a host for five years now and I can only say it has been the single best thing in my life in those last five years.

Not only allowed renting out a spare bedroom in my 3 bedroom home me to KEEP my house after a divorce, it has enriched my life in so many ways beyond the financial aid: I had been depressed for a long time and found it hard to enjoy living in L.A. after said divorce having guests from all over the world made my life so much better. I enjoyed helping people find their way in L.A. and they in return made me appreciate L.A. again.

I'm a very hands-on host, who is the opposite of someone just handing over a key and cashing in: I spend a lot of time with my guests, help them with all kinds of questions and needs they have during their visit in L.A., and introduce them to so many retailers and restaurants and cafes in the area I can safely say I help make my neighborhood earn money by bringing tourist into a radius of half a mile from my home spending, money here they might have otherwise not spend at all or not in my area.

My current guest actually moved here recently from another country, attending UCLA and other schools for classes and he said it was partly due to my warm welcome and that of my friends he has gotten and all the tips I gave him.

I could go on and on about all the positives it has brought me and that there has not been one negative aspect, neither for me nor for my neighbors: I only have one room to rent out, my guests are quiet, they park in my driveway and there has not been any noise at all coming from their room.

My neighbors know and love me and what I do, and guests and neighbors have mingled as well.

I hope you will keep stories and people like me in mind when making a decision. And I think with the current hotel building craze the argument the hotel lobby could be making does not fly for L.A. as there aren't enough rooms to cater to a growing tourism and business travel demand. I read that 15 hotels in Hollywood alone are in the pipeline to be build, so clearly the hotels are doing well.

Thank you for your time to read my letter and your consideration. I hope you will make the right decision so me and many others, can keep their homes.

Sincerely,
S. C.
Hollywood

Dear Councilman Ryu,

I am writing to ask you to help write a clear fair legislation regarding home sharing. I'm a business owner that sells vitamins to domestic and international markets. Unfortunately...I was hard hit in 2013 and was struggling to pay my mortgage and bills. I was so stressed until I heard about Airbnb. I was able to spend money revamping a room in my house and have been collecting rent for short term stays.

Airbnb has allowed me to renovate my house and I have added another room to rent. This has really saved me financially..I could not get by from the sales from my business. Airbnb has allowed me to remain in my house while enjoying the Airbnb experience.. meeting people from all around the world. Airbnb is allowing home owners to keep a roof over their heads and it is enabling us to spend money in our communities as well. Also Airbnb has promoted community by increasing tourism and to benefit businesses nearby.

Please consider my story and my situation when you draft a legislation regarding home sharing. We are paying occupancy taxes and hope that you will not put a cap on total days per year for home sharing.

Thank you for listening.

Regards, Susie Song

Dear David Ryu & others it may concern,

I & wife have lived in owned raised my sons, and for 39 years owned our duplex home at 925 - 927 So. Manhattan Place, L.A. Ca. 90019. If the rent control had been in effect, before I bought it, renovated it, and moved in June 1978, we would have lost the property, because the rent was less than \$200 per month. In addition to fighting via Jarvis -GANN the L.A. every climbing Taxes with what was PROP 11, to put a lid on wasteful County spending on small property owners, which literally kept us in our home at a cost we could afford, then you hit us with rent control, and worse penalties for "unrepaired" windows, and let some City or County thug come and literally steal our tenant rent as a "penalty" while the tenant was breaking the windows to qualify for 50% rent reduction AND THEN IT WAS PAID TO a GOVERNMENT THIEF, who personally would appear and take RENT. That was Communistic and corrupt. And there was no swift justice for making the Tenant stop re-breaking windows. At one point I had 14 window repair bills in 6 months, and finally put in double pane argon gas filled windows, which are more difficult to break. The Tenant was never arrested, and I knew from other property experiences the eviction was long and usually useless.

Furthermore, the L.A. Courts are hopelessly corrupt. So doing battle with a long term tenant in a corrupt and highly biased courts system, could bankrupt a small landlord. So, when AIRbnb came available, and we had the ability to share, now with my children all grown and gone, a bedroom or a whole unit, it almost doubled our income, and help pay for the new electrical wiring and new copper incoming waterline, new roof and improvements we had made the prior 12 or so years. AIRbnb, saved us ! And though we never got the stolen rents, the City of L.A. stole via the So. Poverty Law Center and other racketeering entities, AIRbnb helped us considerably in just the last 2 to 3 years. Furthermore, AIRBNB guarantees our "guests" against damage up to \$1million dollars. The L.A. City guarantees nothing for the long term tenants that repeatedly abuse good landlords. And it is your own very bad city policy's that have driven me in my old age to share an empty bedroom with very short term "guests" who pay in advance [& AirBnB guarantees it] and these guests generally gain NOTHING from repeatedly breaking smoke detectors or windows or whatever. They come for fun in the sun, and just need a safe quiet friendly place to stay, and then they go. They benefit, we benefit, and indirectly the City of L.A. benefits with a bed tax. If you limit, to 180 days or any period, what We can do with our property we have owned for 39 years, you reduce your own bed tax, which already hurts us, because we have to lower our price a little bit to off set that.

I hope Mr. David Ryu, that you consider that, in any measure you legislate, because if you continue and make it impossible to make a fair return on our property, our only other choice is to tear down the entire property, and turn it into a parking space, which several developers have alluded they would like to do with our property. It is more profitable, with no worries about tenants who intentional damage the property so they can qualify for Zero Rent to me and half rent to the City. It is your own RENT CONTROL, and bizarre laws that drove us to AIRbnb, because YOUR bizarre rules, policy and law, most of which are unconstitutional to begin with, that have cause the rental housing shortage.

I have sentimental reasons I would like to keep my duplex like it was when my sons were little. Memories are sometimes more important than money. AIR bNb , should be thanked by the City of L.A. , not tanked. If a person can not do reasonable things to survive with their own Property, then we have lost the American dream of ownership. We have paid, all taxes , etc. for nearly 4 decades and for years have been the only rental unit on our street with a back yard, the family's with children could rent, stay a few years until they bought their own home and 5 or 6 Korean families have benefited from our keeping it available, until they bought their own home, near by. I used to manage the 33 unit building at 916 So. Manhattan and put up the first "WELCOME Korean" sign in Korean language, to help new immigrants know they were welcome on Manhattan Place, and that helped change that street from a gang banger hang out to a peaceful street & quieter neighborhood. I think I deserve now in my elder years to be

able to enjoy the AIRbNb benefits and welcome new people from many nations. Don't force me to tear it down, lose my living memories, and replace it with another parking lot. I would much rather share a bedroom or two with people who respect my property. And make it possible to hang on. I am not getting rich but I get by better.

Thank you for your consideration,

William [& Carole] Wagener

39 years being a stable, peaceful neighbor
and 4 years from 1979- 1983 I was the Scoutmaster for
Boy Scout Troop 190
at the Methodist Church on Wilshire & Plymouth for
young grown boys who were Asian, black, white &
mixed blood but all mostly fatherless and poor.

William J. Wagener, [man in white hat]

Dear Councilman Ryu,

Airbnb has been a lifesaver for me, a recently divorced father having to support himself and also contribute to his children's upbringing. Los Angeles rents are high. Extremely high. In fact, I sometimes wonder how people can live here at all unless they are part of the 1% or have ten people living in the same house.

For me, Airbnb provides the gap between my income and what I need to pay for rent, food, and my children. Otherwise, I would have to go and seek public assistance -- further putting a strain on the state's finances.

Airbnb also helps me connect with and welcome people from all over the world, and they are very grateful for the opportunity to stay in a friendly home at an affordable rate, helping a father and a taxpayer, rather than a huge megacorporation.

Do not over-regulate Airbnb. In fact, the less regulations the better, as it works swimmingly well as-is. If you must tax it a small amount, sure, but I think that most of the issues you might have with Airbnb are already covered in other legislation on the books...simply enforce those to stop abusers, and let people like me share my home in peace and with my freedom from even more government overreach intact.

Willie Pena

Councilman David Ryu
Sherman Oaks Field Office
13907 Ventura Blvd., Suite 104
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

March 23, 2017

Dear Councilman Ryu,

My wife and I have been residents of Sherman Oaks for 33 years, and we've been in our house for the last 23 years and counting, the same house we're raising our daughter in today.

Home Sharing has been a saving grace for us. It has not only helped us keep our house during financially difficult times, but it has enabled us to enhance our property's curb appeal and maintain it with pride, which our neighbors appreciate as well.

There are three points that I'd like to address:

- 1) **NO CAP ON NUMBER OF DAYS:** If future legislation includes a cap on the amount of days in the year that we will be allowed to short-term rent our guest house, it will seriously affect our income, and in fact, not allow us to continue home sharing, and may force us to move. We believe that as homeowners we should be able to rent out our guest house short-term for as many days as we can. The vast majority of our guests are older parents who are visiting their adult children and grandkids who live in the area. Sherman Oaks lacks hotel options.
- 2) **GUESTHOUSE SHORT-TERM RENTAL:** We live in our main house and we rent out our guesthouse short-term. Renting guesthouses in the Valley is an important and common home sharing scenario. Please do not vote to bar hosts from renting out their unattached guesthouses.
- 3) **WE LIVE ON OUR PROPERTY:** That's why we never have a problem, because we are present to manage our guests. Two of our 4 rules are – No parties and parking is directly in front of our house only.

We regularly recommend local restaurants, malls, entertainment venues, and other businesses to our guests, and business owners have personally thanked us for that. Please understand that home sharing not only brings badly needed income into our family, but it energizes LA's economy, and adds badly needed revenue to LA City through the TOT.

Thank you kindly for representing the needs of your constituency.



Michael Palazzolo
Sherman Oaks. CA

The Honorable David Ryu
Councilmember Los Angeles 4th District

Re: The Proposed Regulations on Home-Sharing in Los Angeles

Dear Councilmember Ryu,

I would like to share my experience with home-sharing in Los Angeles, and relate how it has improved the quality of my life as well as the lives of the community.

I have lived in Los Angeles since 1934, when I came here as a child with my parents. I graduated at the head of my class from Los Angeles High, receiving the Harvard Prize Book for "most outstanding boy," as silly and sexist as that may seem today. I did undergraduate studies in drama at Stanford University on an NBC scholarship, and spent a year and a half working toward a Master's in motion pictures at UCLA.

I spent three years acting and directing at a regional theater in Guerneville, California, before coming back to Los Angeles to start my own theater company where I produced and directed the first Los Angeles production of Waiting for Godot, at that time the fifth production in the world.

I directed my first movie in 1959. My feature film TWO-LANE BLACKTOP was selected for preservation by the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress, and my recent movie ROAD TO NOWHERE won a Special Gold Lion at the Venice Film Festival. Several of my movies are being distributed on video by the prestigious Criterion Collection of "important classic and contemporary films." I'm a member of the Directors Guild of America, as well as the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

I've been living in my current home since 1979, renting it for a number of years, and now paying off a mortgage in the process of buying it. My career as a film director has been immensely rewarding in every way except financially, and I supplemented my income for thirteen years by teaching part time at USC, and later at the California Institute of Arts. When that ended I was in danger of being forced to leave the house I've lived in most of my adult life.

Since discovering home-sharing I've been welcoming guests into my home for a little more than three years. I've met some wonderful people from all parts of the world, some of whom have remained friends ever since their stay with me. And

I've been able to make up for the loss of my part-time income, and most importantly, have been able to remain self-sufficient and continue living in my home.

In addition to my garage, I have two guest parking spaces on my property, so that my guests have no negative impact on my neighbors' parking availability. I live on an extremely quiet street, so my guests have not added to congestion in any way. And in addition to the small income I've derived, I have the benefit of company as well as the safety and security of another person or two in the house.

I've been renting two rooms through home-sharing, one of which was my daughter's bedroom, the other a den, neither no longer needed by my now smaller family. The proposed new regulations on home-sharing, limiting me to renting only one room for only six months each year, could deprive me of as much as 75% of my income. At the age of 88, I don't know what options I have for replacing this income.

A significant reduction in the proposed restrictions, both the limit on number of rooms as well as number of months permitted, could make it possible for me to continue living in the home I've lived in for nearly half my life.

Sincerely,

Monte Hellman
8588 Appian Way
Los Angeles, CA 90046

Dear Mr. Ryu,

I understand that the LA council will be voting soon on house sharing.

I am one of your constituents. My husband and I moved to Sherman Oaks four years ago to help care for our granddaughter. We bought a large house so both families could be accommodated. Our daughter and son-in-law both travel some due to their jobs. Our house was built in 1940 and added on to in 1980. We immediately made an in-law-suite at the back of our house. We also use the great room. Our daughter's family uses the front of the house and we eat together. Two years ago we went from being the ugliest house on the block to being one of the best looking. We removed the 7 gables and now have only two. We also enlarged the front stoop to be large enough for us to put seating on it for us to watch our granddaughter play in the front yard. No play area in back due to a pool. We replaced the roof shingles, moved the old UFO type air conditioner to the attic, and painted the house and the gates.

A year and 1/2 after our outside remodel we ran out of our short term savings. The only way for us to stay in this house at the moment is to participate in airbnb. We are fortunate to have a parking pad for airbnb members use. We live across from large apartment complexes. They take up almost all of the street parking. Our nearest neighbors did not even know we were doing airbnb when we told them. We rent our the in-law suite and have moved into the 3rd bedroom in the front of the house.

If we have to sell our house and move we are unlikely to find another two family house. We would have to move out of LA. I do want you to know that the people I host come to see relatives who live in Sherman Oaks, visit Universal, and frequently buy a lot from the big mall on Riverside, and eat in local restaurants. They have been wonderful guests who treat our apt. great.

My goal is to eventually limit the time we need to house share through airbnb. At this time it is a necessity. I am gradually paying down loans we had to take out to do some needed repairs, and repairs that improved the outside look and use of our house.

Sincerely,

Pat W.

Sherman Oaks resident.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support regarding home sharing through Airbnb in Los Angeles. I am a current student of Santa Monica College and also a mother of two small children (three-year-old and five-year-old). I am unemployed, and my husband is an actor which makes his income various. That being said, Airbnb is one of our main incomes. When we purchased our house we had only one child, and my husband was working constantly. Relying on that income we also took credit from bank to make improvement of our house. Unfortunately, a year after, my husband's work decreased drastically and we were almost forced to sell our house.

Our dreams of raising our children in our own house would completely fell if we have not heard about Airbnb. We signed up to rent our guest house, and very soon we managed to pay our credit cards on time and to keep the house. By renting our house not only have we made our living possible, but we also met so many wonderful people through out the world. Some of our guests have become our long-distance friends. I am pretty sure that most home owners are able to keep their homes just because of Airbnb. The annual property taxes are so high, the living overall in California is so expensive, and most of families have dependents to support, which is almost impossible with the regular salaries. Airbnb also influences some people to invest their money in real estates which is good for our economy. Airbnb hosts pay their annual taxes, which contributes to our economy as well.

Best Regards,

Semira Galijasevic

RE: Los Angeles home sharing ordinance

April 18, 2017

Attention: David Ryu
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 425
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember Ryu,

Home sharing has changed my life. I am a single mom in Los Angeles and 2 years ago when I sold my condo in Studio City and my escrow fell through, I needed a place for myself and my daughter ASAP. I didn't know how long for, or how to find somewhere appropriate for us (a hotel didn't work as it was too expensive and long term housing didn't work as I couldn't commit) – so not only in price but also for safety, I turned to home sharing as a desperate measure.

I found a detached Guest House (rec room) in Sherman Oaks that was perfect for me and my 11 year old daughter. We ended up staying there less than 2 months but developed a lifelong friendship with the hosts.

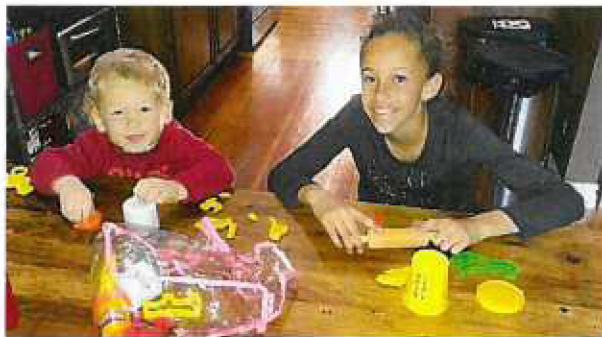
In summary, here's why I support homes sharing as a Guest:

- It made me and my family feel safe
- It allows small families to stay in Los Angeles for affordable prices
- It introduces even LA natives to a different lifestyle
- It's flexible

I suggest you support home sharing Ordinance like this:

- Include Guest Houses (aka Rec Rooms)
- Remove the 180 day cap – urge you to increase it to 365 days

Here is a picture of my daughter with the host's son. We still see each other weekly and our kids have a truly special story to share as they get older.



I hope that you will continue to support your district with home sharing. I understand that you take your constituents feedback seriously and we are begging you to support home sharing – it benefits your community and people.

Sincerely,

Sirpa Hessel 9150 Sophia Ave North Hills, Ca 91343

Dear Council Member:

It has come to my attention that the city has been working on creating an ordinance that would regulate short-term rentals in our home city of Los Angeles. As the city is working on the ordinance, my neighborhood council was in favor of supporting homeowners who wish to home share in their primary residence.

My professional background is in education. I was fortunate to have been working under a federal grant that had guaranteed funding through fall of 2009. Although my income was secure until fall of 2009 which I was grateful for, my husband's small business took a hard financial hit with the economy. Having worked in education for 10 years that fateful day in September 2009 came and my secure employment had not been replaced with the position which had been previously promised in order to make sure I was stayed around while all other employees found employment in other campuses. Having trusted I would have a position, I devoted the last 9 months of our project to successfully closing up a 9-year grant. My staff of 7 full-time employees and 30+ student staff came down to 1 part-time employee in the last 5 months. I had to finish writing the final performance report and close out all of the files of twenty-two hundred students and their families.

Realizing a bachelor's degree would no longer be enough to keep me competitive, I decided to take this opportunity to go back to school. This was a big sacrifice for my husband but we had postponed not starting a family and felt we would take out the necessary student loans to make this possible. Fast forward 2.5 years later and I was about to graduate when my niece and nephew were in danger of being placed into the foster care system. Both of their fathers had been incarcerated for several years and had many more years on their sentence before they would be released from prison. Having been raised by my aunt, I felt it was only right to step in and have them move in with us. Our family of 2 instantly grew to a family of 4 with 2 young children and within six months, my sister fell ill and had to move in with us as well. So in a matter of 6 months, my husband and I had 3 dependents who counted on us for food, shelter, and critical medical attention.

As soon as we matriculated our niece and nephew to our neighborhood schools we realized just how behind they were academically. What should have been 30 minute independent homework assignments turned into 3 hours of one-on-one tutoring and coaching. My husband and I made another family decision to have me postpone looking for a full-time position. Raising our niece and nephew became my full-time occupation. My niece was being tested for learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, as she was unable to complete basic 3rd grade level coursework without extensive academic assistance from us. My nephew was now being challenged and was not used to having to study to earn good grades.

We worked hard to create a loving family environment that would allow them to for the first time know what it was like to sit down and eat home-made family dinners and discuss our days. My days became filled with social worker conversations, scheduling various doctor visits including a nutritionist, psychologist, pediatrician, endocrinologist to name a few. No matter how great of kids our niece and nephew were, the years of negligence took a toll on their overall well-being. These added dependents we called

family definitely dipped into our savings to the point where we were using up everything we had worked to have for our future.

A 6 month fostering commitment turned into 2 years of hard work, tears, joy, frustration, and finally the ability to help them transition back into their home with their biological mother.

When I started looking into positions, hiring freezes were still in effect, budgets were still tight, salaries had gone lower than when I first started my very first professional position back in 1999. How could this be? I would have to travel 2+ hours to and from work and earn less than I did over 10 years ago? I now have hefty loans in addition to a mortgage that need to be paid. This is when we first learned about airbnb and how they could help supplement some much needed income. Yes, we were fortunate to have a home with the now extra rooms that were previously occupied by our family. We started hosting in our home as a way to help out financially. While we depend on the income to help make basic ends meet, we also love sharing our home. It does require a lot of hard work and dedication, but it also brings a great deal of satisfaction to welcome a vetted stranger or couple into our home! We've had many guests who come to meet their grand baby(ies) or their adult children who live in small cottages who cannot accommodate them. Our guests love being able to walk to their family members homes in the neighborhood. We've also hosted traveling medical professionals who are looking to have a more home-like feel than what a hotel offers. Because their contracts can fluctuate, they like having the flexibility to extend or cancel if they need to. We've hosted several guests who are coming to Los Angeles for a new position and stay with us a week or two to explore the different local LA neighborhoods. Recognizing Los Angeles is a big diverse city, they come to see what living in NELA is like. We've also had Cal-TECH and JPL scholars come stay with us.

Because this is our home, we are very careful on who we allow to stay with us. We are mindful hosts. We provide a parking space for our guests. We implement quiet hours and ask they treat our home and neighborhood as if it were their own. Hosting has enabled us to stay in our home, stay current on our mortgage, and finally begin paying off those students loans. I've welcomed many guests, several from the U.S. but quite a few from abroad as well. As a multi-cultural family, we love welcoming a diverse group of respectful guests who love exploring what our local neighborhood has to offer. They eat at local restaurants, hang out at local coffee shops, they use Laundromats, do groceries, and shop leaving behind additional revenue for our local neighborhoods. Many of my guests comment I had no idea about NELA but I really love the vibe and the diversity it has to offer. Location is still central but far enough that you feel like you are in a residential suburb.

In your deliberation of home sharing in Los Angeles, I respectfully urge you to create sensible, fair laws that protect community members like me and my family to continue affording living in this wonderful city we love! Thank you!

Respectfully,

Wendy

North East Los Angeles

LA City Council File #14-1636-S2

Dear Councilman,

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I am born and raised in Southern California. I am a single woman working hard to make a living. I am in outside sales, commission only. This job is very hard and I do not always crack my personal nut. I pay for my mortgage, my insurance, medical and medication and all of my own bills.

I started a business in 2012 while still selling at my sales job that I never left. I was unable to make it successful and have a very big debt that I am paying off. I have never before been in debt and am working very hard to clean this up. As I would have to assume you know this is very difficult to do!

It is only because of my new Airbnb business in Studio City that I have created an extra income to help knock down this debt quicker. I have made adjustments to take care of my situation and moved out of my master room. I have a sense of relief, smile more often and have a happier inside. I am also proud to provide income to my city through the city tax Airbnb charges my customers.

I provide one very clean and beautiful room to my guests. They come and go quietly with out disturbing my neighbors. They are usually here to visit our many fun and wonderful sites; Universal studios, Hollywood, Venice, LA museums and many are taking lessons at a famous dance studio that is 5 minutes from my home.

Please do not restrict the use of my home for these travelers, students, nearby business, extra city taxes and my ability to create this money to pay off my debt and pay my bills.

Consider all of the factors when deciding on this measure and how it will effect my future and that of the taxes that are created for our city!

Thank you,
Cheryl F

LA City Council File #14-1635-S2

Dear Councilman Krekorian:

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

I recently moved to Valley Village and there is a guest house on my property which I rent out through AirBnB. This experience has not only helped me out by bringing in extra money but it is also bringing additional revenue to the city and my local neighborhood. It also allows people to spend more time visiting Los Angeles and spending money here.

I have created a safe and beautiful space for my guests. I have return guests that come and visit their children and grandchildren. I love seeing them again and again.

Please do not restrict my ability to rent out my guest house. Not only would this have an adverse affect on my finances but I would truly be missing out on a great opportunity to be a representative of Valley Village, Los Angeles and the United States. The city would also be losing revenue that we desperately need.

I have always been involved in supporting community efforts to make Valley Village a beautiful and safe place to live.

Please consider your decision and how it will effect my future.

Thank you again,
Bonnie S.

LA City Council File #14-1635-S2

Dear Councilman Krekorian,

I wanted to let you know how much I rely on Airbnb for helping me stay in my apartment in Valley Village. When I am out of town for work, being able to host guests has made the difference of being able to "pay the bills" or not.

I have had wonderful guests over the past few years. Some of them are from other countries visiting family or more often are folks moving to LA needing temporary housing.

I have been a resident of Valley Village for almost 20 years and I would very much like to be able to stay in my place for many more. Please support Airbnb's effort to make this possible.

Best regards,

Bill Blisit

Dear Councilman Krekorian,

I'm writing to you about a subject I feel passionately about. Airbnb.

Let me give you a little background. I've lived in Studio City for 15 years. I'm a single mom with 2 daughters, both who have attended Carpenter Ave. Community Charter and Walter Reed Middle School. We're engaged in the community and enjoy close ties with friends and neighbors. I love Studio City for it's small town feel abutted against big city sophistication. It's a company town in many ways and in neighborhood we are the writers, set designers, carpenters and camera operators that keep the industry moving. I've worked in television my whole career and have enjoyed a career as a TV movie producer and television executive. I lost my job working for a production company last June and have been unemployed since. Like many other industries, the entertainment business has been going through a myriad of changes caused by technology and other disruptive forces.

To make ends meet, I've been hosting Airbnb guests in my 1,000 foot California bungalow on a quiet, tree lined street, with a picket fence entwined with star jasmine. Normally it's my sanctuary, but these days it's what's keeping me afloat.

Through Airbnb, I've hosted and befriended interesting people from around the globe and have been able to share my small slice of paradise with them. I've recommended local restaurants and shops to them and they've been able to enjoy what Studio City has to offer.

I'm part of the American middle class, overwhelmed by the high cost of health care, housing and education, struggling to maintain what our parents took for granted. If it weren't for Airbnb, I might be forced to sell my house and move away from the

community, which would be devastating for my children. I respectfully ask that refrain from limiting the number of Airbnb host days.

Thanks for the consideration.

Best,

Beth Miller

Dear Mr. Blumenfield:

I appreciate this opportunity that I am being given, not only to defend/support my fellow Airbnb family, but to freely speak my mind regarding my experiences with Airbnb. Thank you for allowing this to happen and please know that I am grateful that you are taking the time to hear my point of view.

I am a retired Special Education teacher who has chosen to follow his dream as a writer. I have been writing most of my life but I only recently decided to dedicate myself fully to my passion. I am in the process of beginning the second chapter of my life, now that my children are grown. I have the time to write and the desire to make my life my own and live by my own schedule. Needless to say, beginning one's life anew takes more than time and desire. At this point in my life, I need a supplemental income to assist me in my quest at a fresh start.

Airbnb has been a godsend. I am not speaking primarily about the financial help that it provides, I have been enthralled with the people that I have met thus far. I have been using two of my bedrooms with Airbnb and I have only been with the company since December of 2016. I have met wonderful people from the far corners of the globe and I look forward to every guest who comes, no matter how long the stay. I have made new friends and met people who I will never forget. Each new guest is a potentially life changing event. I like to think that I have likewise left lasting positive impressions with them. Of course, not every guest has been a "gem" but, that is life and there is something to be learned from every experience. I'm also sure that most Airbnb hosts are not fans of the cleaning and laundry that comes with back-to-back short-term guests but that is a small price to pay for getting to know a new person – even if only for a short time. This may feel like or sound like hyperbole to you but I honestly enjoy the interactions that I have had with people that I would never have had the chance to meet, if it weren't for Airbnb.

Now, the secondary portion of what Airbnb does for me. As a writer, I have to confront the possibility that my work doesn't sell at a rate that will support me. Right now, my book sales are not enough to pay my mortgage and sustain me in the way that I have been accustomed to living. I have made cutbacks in my lifestyle and I am finally at a place where I am doing well. I am doing well *because* of Airbnb.

If the ordinance passes that will limit the terms of rental time periods, that would severely impact my life. Financially, I would have a struggle but I think that not being able to host as many people as often would negatively impact their lives and mine. The positive exchanges that I have had with international guests have been phenomenal and I think

that my interactions with them have given them positive impressions of Americans as well (I hope). I always look forward to hosting new people and return guests. I enjoy giving to them and sharing my home with them. It would be a shame to limit such a positive and mutually beneficial experience.

Thank you for your time and patience,

Brian Montgomery

March 24, 2016

Councilman David Ryu
Sherman Oaks Field Office
13907 Ventura Blvd., Suite 104
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Dear Councilman Ryu,

I cannot emphasize more how important it is to allow homeowners the right to rent short-term their guesthouse on the same property where they reside **WITHOUT A CAP ON THE DAYS PER YEAR**. Any cap will be seriously restrictive and counter-productive. The City of LA needs the money and so do homeowners that choose to rent out their guesthouses.

Thank you for hearing me!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Patterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Laura Patterson
Homeowner in District 4

March 31, 2017

Dear Mr. Ryu,

Seven years ago, I was laid off from a job I had been with for over 25 years. I was too old to be hired by another company but too young for retirement. My dilemma was whether or not to tap into my 401K earlier than I needed to. Then I heard about Airbnb. Since my children are grown and have moved away from home, I decided to give this a try to help cover the salary I used to have.

Because of Airbnb, I have been able to keep my 401K intact and save it until I really need when I retire. With this type of income, I have also been able to make improvements little by little to the house which I believe contributes to the value and quality of the neighborhood.

My neighborhood is residential. There is not a hotel around the area, there are some motels but I think my guests prefer the comfort and cleanliness of my home. Half of my guests are parents visiting their children/grandchildren. The other half is international guests visiting Los Angeles for tourism. When asked for recommendations, we send them to try out the local restaurants and shops. Many Asians often come with one suitcase and leave with two – they like to shop at the outlet malls. When guests come to LA, many businesses also benefit.

I know that the city is close to making a decision on the home sharing ordinance. I hope you take my story into consideration. Having a steady income has helped me tremendously and allowed me stay and hopefully allow me to retire in my own home.

Sincerely,

Mark S.



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February 21, 2017

David Ryu
Council Member, District 4
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Re: AirBnB

Dear Council Member Ryu:

We have not yet had the pleasure to meet. I reside at 6718 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90028, in your Council District. I purchased my home in January of 2011. On my property sits my house, along with a guest house that the City of Los Angeles has zoned a "recreation room". As the letterhead suggests, I am a partner at the law firm Rosenfeld, Meyer & Susman LLP.

That guest house is free standing, has its own dedicated, gated parking spot, and has its own kitchen and bathroom. My parents, who are of advancing age, reside in Ohio, but stay in that guesthouse during their regular visits to California. As such, I cannot rent it out to a full-time tenant. My two-bedroom, two-bathroom house has steps, which makes it difficult for them to stay with me. The guest house has no steps and is perfect for them.

During the remaining approximately 300 days out of the year, I have rented my guest house on AirBnB. I pay all city taxes on that rental, along with state income taxes for the monies I have received. As the guest house is on the same property as my house, I can keep a close eye on my guests. In three years, I have had only one bad experience, where a guest from Montreal ate food in bed and damaged a comforter with spilled soy sauce. Canadians. What can you do? At the moment, a 23 year old recent Cornell University graduate is renting the unit while he is out here for a six-week internship. It would have been difficult for him to find affordable short-term housing to complete that low-paying job without units like mine on the market. My prior guests were a married couple from the east coast who rented my unit for two weeks to visit their daughter who had just given birth to their first grandchild and who lives in my neighborhood.

David Ryu
February 21, 2017
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AirBnB has proven to be a financial lifeline for me. I am of adequate means, but have considerable student loan obligations. Renting my unit on AirBnB has provided me with income to finance my home on a 15 year fixed basis, to continue to make meaningful charitable contributions, and to tackle my debt obligations from law school while still maintaining a home for when my aging parents, who are on a very fixed income, visit. Take away that income and something has to give. Given my family, what it would not do is create more housing units - I have to keep that space available for my parents.

I learned that the Council is considering a 180-day limit on short-term rentals like mine. That would be catastrophic for young, first-time homeowners like myself in your District. It would create another unintended consequence, as well.

I am sitting on several unsolicited offers to purchase my property from real estate developers. Indeed, of the properties on my block, I am the only one who has refused to sell. The purchase of the others is contingent on us all selling. I am a bit of a fireline at the moment. If I sell, one developer will purchase the entire south side of my block on Fountain Avenue. I believe its goal is to create high-density, high-priced condominiums. Were this 180-day limitation put into place, the calculus would change on my ownership and I would likely be compelled to sell to that developer, setting off a chain-reaction in my neighborhood.

Now, I must admit that I am not familiar with your legislative priorities. If you are in favor of increased development, then by all means the proposed short-term AirBnB limit is right up your alley and I can do little to convince you to oppose it. It will price many homeowners like me out of the market. If, however, you are not in favor of increased development in central Hollywood, I would encourage you to vote against this policy proposal, as it will destroy the firewall that allows homeowners like myself to continue occupying unique Hollywood residences in the face of Godfather offers from lurking developers.

I am happy to discuss this matter with you further and thank you in advance for your consideration of my concerns.

Very truly yours,



RYAN M. LAPINE

RML:cmf

To whom it may concern,

I have been living in my current place of residence for almost forty years. I'm a musician – singer/songwriter/guitarist – that sort of thing. I still do DIY recording projects for myself and friends but I'm in my mid- seventies now and performing is a thing of the past. These days I earn a meagre living as a handyman, working for some of my neighbors, and were it not for the kindness of my landlady in letting me stay here in return for house maintenance, repairs and some gardening, there is a very real possibility that I would be amongst the ranks of the homeless. She herself, following a bankruptcy in the years after the crash of '08, has only been able to escape foreclosure by using parts of her home (where she also lives, by the way) as vacation rentals.

As a consequence I have, over the past few years, met quite a large number of visitors, both foreign and domestic, all of whom were travelling on very limited budgets and, if forced to stay in hotels, would not have made the trip or would have stayed for much shorter periods of time. And with much less discretionary spending to contribute to the larger economy of Los Angeles.

The contentions of the hotel industry in this regard, seem to me to be overstated and, by and large, the product of simple greed. Likewise, the practice of buying properties and evicting tenants for the sole purpose of converting to short term rentals with no thought whatsoever as to the wellbeing of communities, is truly abhorrent and should have been stopped immediately.

But this is a far cry from the situation I have outlined above, and which is certainly not the only one I know of.

I would urge you, therefore, to treat this matter with the common sense it deserves, and to avoid a decision that will be seen by many, as pandering to a corporate special interest.

Michael Milner, Hollywood, 2017.

In Favor of Home Sharing

Were it not for home sharing, I would probably rely more on credit cards to pay every day bills. I wouldn't be able to have the same life quality or save for retirement.

Me and my spouse are both professionals and working full time and still we wouldn't be able to maintain the property, to live in the city and sustain the standard of living we currently have without home sharing.

I would not be the only one to lose. The city and surrounding businesses would also lose. I pay approximately \$7,000 per year in transient occupancy taxes. What's more, my guests spend money in the local businesses. Many tell me that if they had to stay in hotels—which are not available near my neighborhood and the one that exist further away are considerably more expensive—they could not have afforded to come to Los Angeles. Or if they were to come, they could not have stayed as long.

This also have helped many when they are in between places or moving into the city. Including families with children.

Therefore, I ask you, to reconsider the terms of short term rentals.

Respectfully yours,

Mr Barzilai

I have been co-hosting since 2013. I met Yvonne, the owner of the house just as she was going through a bankruptcy. I have witnessed first-hand how vacation rentals have not only saved her from a potentially disastrous situation, but also how it has benefited both the city and the local economy.

Our guests come from all over the world and from all over the States. Many take vacation rentals to live as the locals do. Many tell us that they are on a tight budget and it has only been the alternative of vacation rentals that have enabled them to visit our city. So, a huge percentage of our guests would not be here spending money were it not for vacation rentals. This helps the city in general, as 14% of our earnings go to pay the TOT TAX. While they are here, we refer them to restaurants, stores, and sites. This helps the local economy.

What I hadn't anticipated was how much these guests would enrich my life. I have not had the opportunity to travel much. Meeting people from all over the world has taught me so much. And, if I'm honest, it's fun. Some have cooked meals and invited the neighbors. Some have become like family.

That is why I am hoping you will reconsider the terms you are proposing for short term rentals. The 180 day restriction and the one listing only (we have 2 rooms we rent) It would be a lose/lose/lose proposition. We would lose., the city would lose and the local area would lose.

I thank you for taking the time to read this,

Keion Drummond

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to ask you to help write a clear fair legislation regarding home sharing. I'm a self-employed in Online sales. I was lucky enough to buy my house in July of 2015. Later in 2016 my Wife and I had our first baby girl and the expenses starting racking up fast with medical bills and day to day needs. Thanks to Airbnb, I've been able to cover the extra expenses that were much higher than expected. Airbnb has allowed me to cover the expenses of my day to day life while I also work hard to grow my new business. I love to host people and have made many new friends.

I've learned that as a home owner, expenses can add up fast from utility bills, to maintaince and the extra income to save as a rainy day fund has also been very helpful. Airbnb is allowing home owners to keep a roof over their heads, paying increasingly high taxes, allowing people living within the home they love with dignity. I love my community and my neighbors and for the first time since I purchased the home, thanks to airbnb i feel i will be able to remain here. Please consider my story and my situation when you draft a legislation regarding home sharing.

Best regards

Michael Azizi

I am in favor of home sharing all year long

I am a woman of 61 years old. In the past 8 years I had been looking for a job. I was highly qualified in my field but it had been impossible for me to find a job any kind of jobs.

I had a small income not enough to pay My bills or debt, my only choice was to be on food stamp and medical and even that wasn't enough to pay My bills, every time I had to borrow money, running of people to borrow from and feeling so miserable when needed to ask for money.

I was at the bottom, depressed and on medications. Out of despair I decided to rent the rooms in my home, that changed everything, I was finally making an incomes I was able to stop the medications, stop the food stamps and medical. I managed to pay most of my bills asking as little as possible for help. I have a smile on my face and I love hosting the guests from all around the world. My self confidence and happiness came back. In The area where I live, I realized that most of the travellers will never be able to afford staying at the Hotels because they are out of reach for them. If you put my address on airbnb u can check my review Most of them speak how great the location of my house is. It is definitely a factor on booking my home. Most of them do not cook because of the diversity of restaurants around me they eat out breakfast, lunch and dinner. They favorite food store are traders joe, whole food and even cvs for snack because they all have food from all around the world which is important for the travellers. Their favorite activities are shopping and again from the grove to Beverly center with Beverly connection they are in heaven. Some comes with empty luggage and end up buying new ones. I also realized they all rather use uber or lyft and mostly walk than rent. A car, much cheaper and convenient for them.

I am convince that if they could really aford the price of the hotel they won't be able to afford to spend the money on the attractions, the restaurants, food stores, shopping or anything else.

Instead on making only few hotels working which I am convince that they will never choose that option they would rather travel to places where they can spend money on enjoying themself rather than a bedroom. You have to realized how many businesses and working people are profiting from those travellers in my area not counting the museums, the spa and nail salon.

If you choose to limit me from renting my rooms in the year I wouldn't have any other choice to go back on social services and be miserable. I really beg to considers my sanity, well being and happiness before making a decision that will have a negative impact on the lives of so many people that finally find a way to make a decent and proud living

Thank you

Joelle souldanian

Attention: David Ryu
RE: home sharing ordinance

April 25, 2017

Dear Councilmember Ryu,

Thank you so much for your support in the home sharing ordinance. I live in Sherman Oaks and rent out my guest house (rec room) in my primary residence. I was excited and encouraged when I heard the President of the City Planning Commission David Ambroz talk about removing the caps on days when hosts are present. Home Sharing has allowed me to keep my home and raise my small child in the neighborhood I've lived and owned in for 14 years. If I can't continue to home share for 365 days, I will be in incredible financial stress and will end up having to sell my house.

Therefore I beg of you to:

- Include guest house / rec rooms in the ordinance
- Remove the cap on days

Having a short term rental on my primary residence has actually made me feel safer. I am mostly at home alone with my 3 year old so if something were to happen (and it has), I know there is someone on the residence and it's usually a grandparent visiting their family in the neighborhood.

Here are the benefits my home share has brought me and the community:

- Additional revenue to Sherman Oaks - to me, my cleaner and SO local businesses
- Safety - feeling safe in my home with the additional resources staying in my home
- Affordability - many of my guests say they wouldn't have come to LA or have stayed so long as a traditional hotel or corporate housing doesn't fit their needs.
- Neighborhood awareness and togetherness - I've actually met more neighbors through my STR as many of their family members stay with me. I've gotten so much gratitude for having this resource available to my community

I hope that you will continue supporting us in allowing us to share our homes - especially in your district of Sherman Oaks. I'm greatly honored to have you as a Councilmember especially because of your support on this issue.

Thank you!



Jocelyn M

here's a recent picture of us - the hat my son is wearing he refuses to take off as his more recent favorite guest gave it to him as a goodbye present.

Attention: David Ryu

Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 425
Los Angeles, CA 90012

April 24, 2017

RE: Los Angeles home sharing ordinance

Dear Councilmember Ryu,

I understand from one of my hosts in Sherman Oaks that there is an ordinance in discussion without the council members for home sharing. My experience with home sharing in Los Angeles has left me proud to be a guest of home sharing and help support the local neighborhoods.

I read both the NYT article and LA Times and find it appalling that the hotel industry believes that home sharing is a threat to them – so much so that they can bully representatives and throw millions of dollars against the families that pay tax in Los Angeles – even though hotels are having the best year in LA ever.

I stayed in the Guest House in a residential neighborhood in Sherman Oaks (in your district). We met a wonderful young family and became so close that we even started doing activities together. Here's a picture of the next generation met through home sharing:



My family decided to stay in home sharing rather than a hotel because:

- A family of 4 in a hotel room is a tight (and LOUD for other guests) fit.
- We stayed for 4 nights – we spent all our time in local restaurants and children activities that we would not have known for without the personal touches and recommendations of our hosts. We even supported the local street fair!
- Family friendly: we found a guest house that was affordable and in a safe neighborhood – and extremely family friendly.

Because of all the reasons above, **We WOULD NOT have visited LA if it weren't for home sharing.** Please, for the sake of my family and the hosts family, we urge you to include Guest Houses to the Ordinance and increase the number of days hosts can share.

Thank you!

Jennifer Way

5435 Paragon Street Rocklin, CA 95677

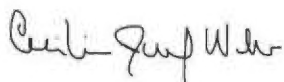
To whom it may concern:

I am writing to ask you to help write a clear fair legislation regarding home sharing. I'm an art director, former art director for Sports Illustrated magazine. Back in 2013, I found myself unemployed, I got laid off only one month and few days after I purchased my house at 1720 S Mansfield Avenue, Los Angeles, 90019. Later that year, I hurt my back and was basically paralyzed for a few months unable to work. I was able to keep up with all my bills thanks to family members and credit cards, while it's been a few years, I still owe money to family and have caught up with credit card debt.

Thanks to Airbnb, I've been able to start repaying family members and make substantial payments into my credit cards. Airbnb has allowed me to remain in my house. I love to have people around and I feel more secure rather than being alone in the house. This new experience has allowed me to make friends all over the globe and primarily has allowed me to continue paying all my bills on time. While I'm lucky to have a job nowadays, after my unfortunate situation back in 2013, I've learned that as a home owner, having savings is not a luxury, it is a must. Airbnb is allowing home owners to keep a roof over their heads, paying increasingly high taxes, allowing people living within the home they love with dignity. I love my community and my neighbors and for the first time since I purchased the home, thanks to airbnb i feel i will be able to remain here.

Please consider my story and my situation when you draft a legislation regarding home sharing.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jael Weber". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Jael Weber

To my councilman and everyone that has the veto power to help their country and their citizens ,

I would like to bring to your attention that we have been through some very rough years that many people lost their homes and their small business, I must say that Airbnb and Uber has boosted our economy and are giving us the chance to live our life respectfully and we in return help the economy and pay more taxes , we encourage more tourist to come visit and therefore spend more money all around , Uber actually saved so many streets from going down and under as there is lack of parking not to say that we have so many less drunk drivers around . Please keep the people that live and support you and our community Happy and Prosperous , They are the reason you have a job and what goes around comes around so everybody wins here . Win Win !

Thank you

Iris

2411 N Beachwood Dr
Los Angeles, CA 90068

To: Los Angeles City Council

My name is In Ja Yates. I am a Korean-American, born in Japan and married to an African-American man since 1960. Since I was not Korean born, many Koreans looked at me as a foreigner. Then, coming to the U.S., Americans also consider me to be a foreigner. For over 55 years here I have endured this feeling of not really belonging anywhere.

Finally, after successfully raising three children to become professional adults (Business owner, Doctor and Educator), I was introduced to Airbnb. This allows me to experience interactions with a variety of people from all over the world. It gives me a feeling of self worth, with something to offer, as well as something to gain in our community. As I enjoy conversations at breakfasts with dignitaries, celebrities and common folks, I am transformed into a valued senior contributing to the advancement of society instead of being a dependent sponge.

For the past three years home sharing has made it possible for my husband and me to maintain our independence, give financial assistance to deserving students with college scholarships, and provide housekeeping jobs for a homeless person. I strongly feel that our City Government should encourage expanding such activity instead of searching for ways to limit it. There should be no restriction on the number of days we host or the number of rooms we make available.

Thank you for your attention and favorable consideration.

Sincere Regards,

In Ja Yates. Resident 4th Council District

To Whom It may Concern:

I am a female producer/director in the film business. As is well known, projects take a long time to get together, in some cases years, and therefore money comes in fits and starts.

Without Airbnb it would be very hard to stay in my house and meet my obligations.

Could you please help write a clear, fair, legislation regarding home sharing.

Thank you,

Evelyn Purcell

Dear Mr. Ryu,

We started hosting Airbnb when we suddenly had twins in 2009 and realized that we needed to find an option that could help us earn some additional income to help send them to a dual language school while also leaving space for family to visit/help while we were working.

We first learned about Airbnb as travelers with children needing a family space with family referrals. Our first Airbnb experiences in different states/countries were just like our family and helped welcome and guide to family activities and restaurants etc. in their cities. It was a refreshing personalized experience and was so inspirational/supportive that we decided to follow this model. We mainly host families like ours with 2 children who need some family support like we do when we are traveling. It's both a way of earning some additional income and a way of connecting in a bigger way with the global community.

The restaurants and merchants in our residential neighborhood benefit from our guests as well. Upon arrival our guests receive a list of our personal recommendations for marketing, dining, shopping, entertainment, and cultural events (LACMA/Page Museums) in the Mid-Wilshire area. We feel that it is very important that both our family and our guests support local spending as a way of giving back to the merchant community who have given us so much. There are no hotels in our area and so we are filling a perfect niche for Mid-Wilshire family home-sharing stays.

I know that the Los Angeles is close to making a decision on the home sharing ordinance and I hope that true homesharers like us are taken into consideration and not grouped those property owners abusing the system who are not true homesharers. We hope to continue earning a partial income from Airbnb has helped us send our children to a dual immersion school, as well as guiding many families year after year to have enriching experiences during their stays in Los Angeles. In our eyes it is a win/win for us, the city, and our guests.

Sincerely,

Cari Lutz

My friends and I have been doing Airbnb and therefore we have some extra money to spend at all the local business , before Airbnb we couldn't really go out much and we strongly feel that the fact that we have some extra income is helping us keep our homes and also help boost our economy , I am here to vote for council man that understand the need of the fellow citizens and do not support the big monster machine that stands behind the hotel industry with its multi million dollars defense to manipulate the market , just like it's illegal to set prices it should be illegal for the hotel industry to manipulate the market , when I have guests visiting during the summer the hotels are usually sold out and to get a reasonable rate they have to go 20 miles out of the area , this is not acceptable and we need our council man to stand up for the people rights.
Thank you for reading this and doing what is right for the American people and tax paying citizens .

Sincerely
Ami

Dear Paul Koretz,

First, I want to say we are big supporters of you and we voted for you in the last elections. We even met and spoke at one of your home salons. Now we are asking for your help!!!

I am writing to you today to ask that you help write a clear and fair legislation regarding home sharing. I am an LA native, grew up in Encino, went to UCLA and graduated with a Ph.D. in Organizational Psychology. My husband and I were fortunate enough to buy a home at 2269 Pelham Ave. so that we could walk our kids to school and live in a beautiful neighborhood. I am an independent consultant and have been for the last 6 years and my husband is a free-lance sports editor.

Last year was supposed to be the best year ever, with our son's Bar Mitzvah, our 20th wedding anniversary and a planned trip to Israel and Paris. However, a month before all the celebration and vacation we had a family crisis where our savings was wiped out. We thought we could still get through all the expenses but when we returned from our trip my husband and I have not been able to find work. Normally we would have an 8-9-month liquid savings but the family crisis drained that money. My husband has gone back to school to earn an accounting and bookkeeping degree and I have continued to network and look for work. We have no explanation as to why our world and finances have been challenged like this.

We quickly acted by trimming all our expenses, looked into interest free loans, and finding alternative income. Borrowing from family was not an option. My husband started driving Uber and I started making our downstairs bedroom into an Airbnb.

THANK GOODNESS FOR AIRBNB, we have been able to make our minimum payments such as the mortgage, food and car. Airbnb has allowed us to keep our home and our kids in school. This new arrangement has taught our children to be extremely neat and clean, open to meeting new people and hearing the stories of people from around the country and world. We are extremely careful with who we allow in our home because they are sharing the space with us and our kids. Airbnb allows me the sense of security that no other outlet provides! Since we live near UCLA, most of our guests have been students, visiting scientists, and educators attending conferences. We have even helped 2 of our guests find homes and apartments near us once they decided they wanted to move to Los Angeles.

We live in an amazing neighborhood on an amazing street and we have been able to remain here mostly due to Airbnb. I have yet to find a permanent position, but I believe I would continue being a host for all the positive impact it has been on my family.

Please, consider our story and our plea to allow us to continue this opportunity to home share.

I look forward to hearing back from you and to hearing positive news about the legislation. Please feel free to contact me at 310-351-5241.

Kind regards,

Rachel Cotter

Dear Council Member Marqueece Harris-Hawson;

This letter is in reference to Council File Number CF#14-1635-S2 regarding the Home Sharing Ordinance. We need your support and your voice to help us.

I am a resident of the 8th District and I am also currently a host for the Airbnb Short-Term Rental Program and concerned about the Home Sharing Ordinance.

I grew up in Los Angeles County so I've had the privilege of growing up under your leadership for a long time. I have never met you, but I have been around many who have and people think so highly of you with great admiration. I've felt the same way from just observing you because you have always been an advocate for the little guy. You understand the needs of the people. Well, we the people need you now.

After learning of Airbnb in 2014, I became a host for financial assistance needed monthly to help me to attend my dream school USC. As you may know, USC has the highest tuition rate in the country right now and many African Americans, such as myself, get accepted to USC but choose not to attend because they couldn't afford it. I chose to take the risk to pursue my dreams and it was Air BnB that helped me eat, keep the heat on, pay my internet bills so I could do my homework, and so much more. If it wasn't for Air BnB I would have had a much more challenging time in school because I would have had to try to find an outside job which would distract me from school. Air BnB allowed me to have income to sustain my focus and now I will be graduating Summa Cum Laude. This is all wonderful but I and my fellow peers are not out of the woods yet. We still have to find our place in the workforce and we are aware that the job market isn't as it used to be so companies like Air BnB give us, the everyday

person, the chance to survive. This isn't about huge incomes like big business Hotels make Mr. Harris-Dawson. This is merely about survival. I make just enough with the help of Air BnB to supplement minimal needs. I am not sure of your position regarding the Home Sharing Ordinance but I am sure that you care about the everyday person who is just trying to find ways to make it day by day.

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Air BnB is a financial blessing to our neighborhood; to us as host, as well as to our guests. When travelers visit Los Angeles they need a nice, safe, clean, friendly and affordable place to stay. Why must they stay near the airport to feel safe? I venture to say more people visit Los Angeles, District 10 (which brings new money to our neighborhoods) now that they can afford lodging and food, and they are experiencing and staying in areas and supporting with businesses they never would have heard of, nor visited if not for this short-term home-sharing program.

Please, Mr. Harris-Dawson, DO NOT limit the days per year that we can house share. DO NOT charge us fees and fines just for trying to survive. Please be our leader and stand up for us. If the Air BnB system is limited in any way from the way it is smoothly functioning now, YOU WILL HURT US. Please don't hurt us. I need Air BnB right now. We all do. It's our livelihood.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley N. Chatman

District 8 Resident

From the desk of:

Scott-Anthony Hale

715 East 111 th Place Los Angeles, CA 90059

323/359-4255

Dear Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson,

This letter is in reference to Council File Number CF#14-1635- S2 regarding the Home Sharing Ordinance. We need your support and your voice to help us.

I am a resident of the 8th District and I am also currently a host for the Airbnb Short-Term Rental Program and concerned about the Home Sharing Ordinance.

I been told that you believe we people of the 8 th district are a great asset and you are concerned with development of economic opportunities and to create equitable housing in this district.

Well, I take that as you are for our very basic survival in today's difficult economic times.

After learning of Airbnb, in January 2014, we became host's due to financial assistance needed monthly to help pay for our mortgaged properties here in Los Angeles. I am disabled so this was truly a Godsend for us. Then in July 2014, we put our second room on Airbnb and the following year we put one of our apartments in August on. I am not sure of your position regarding the Home Sharing Ordinance but I did read where you are an advocate for homelessness and that poverty matters greatly to you. As a minister I too am very passionate about helping in those area's and providing information and guidance through scripture to the down and out.

I am writing this letter because if not for the sharing of our extra space for financial aid, we could very well be in financial struggles with our home. I am 50 years old living with my domestic partner and out 11 year old son. My domestic partner is 56 is a personal trainer and has dual citizenship here and in France but business for him has tapered off as people can't afford a personal trainer these days.

I currently receive social security insurance from being disabled which 'yes' does help out but is

not nearly enough to cover monthly charges on just our basic needs. Monies earned also help me to help my mother who has medical bills for medicines which have gone up to be able to have them without skipping a dose as many seniors do. The cost of living is growing, but peoples' incomes are not in tune with that growth.

Another good thing about home-sharing is it brings all nationalities of people to our neighborhood that are now supporting our local businesses. I have personally hosted guests from Japan, Italy, Taiwan, China, Germany, France, Austria, Canada to name but a few, some of which have returned because they liked what we offer. We reside in south L.A., and we get tons

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of guests and requests because we keep our properties looking great, clean, friendly and quiet.

Imagine, south L.A. where one might think Airbnb could never work, has been working very well for 3 years, it's not just 90210 that people want to stay but in a regular persons home.

People can order take our food from local restaurants nearby or can walk a few blocks to them and the super market, they use our buses and metro lines, as well as Uber and Lyft.

Airbnb has been a financial blessing in our neck of the woods for many people needing the economic boost instead of struggling to keep their homes, not needing government assistance or heaven forbid, lose our homes. Airbnb helps give the traveler a choice where they want to stay and the things they desire for their comfort as well as helping them too, be able to travel frugally. Many as mentioned come from far off countries, and Airbnb lets them have money left over to enjoy their travels.

When travelers visit south L.A. they need a nice, safe, clean, friendly and affordable place to stay, we give them that option. Travelers do not need to just stay near the airport to feel safe. I can say easily more people visit south L.A. (which brings new money to our neighborhoods) because we can give them affordable and safe places to lay their heads just like in 90210 or any

other zip code. Travelers can afford lodging and food, activities, fun and they are experiencing and staying in areas here and supporting our businesses.

We are eager to have the necessary support and a voice in City Hall and we hope and pray you understand our need to keep this service available. Hopefully you will give this some deep and fair thoughts and that you will find the need for Short-Term Housing even in our south L.A. neighborhoods and elsewhere, to continue.

Thank you

Minister Scott-Anthony Hale

My name is Rick Blocker. I am 63 years old. I have been a resident of Los Angeles my entire life. I am a retired LAUSD School Teacher. I have owned my home since 1978. My wife and son have moved to other locations so I have extra space to share with others. I use the income that I gain from Airbnb to help pay my property taxes, make home improvements and send my son away to college. I am happy to help my neighborhood by bringing travel dollars to our local businesses I am grateful to have met many incredibly artistic people from all over the world and they appreciate participating in authentic Los Angeles life. We are now friends and the world has become a better place.

This letter is in reference to Council File Number CF#14-1635-S2 regarding the Home Sharing Ordinance. We need your support and your voice to help us.

I am a resident of the 10th District and I am also currently a host for the Airbnb Short-Term Rental Program and I'm truly concerned about the Home Sharing Ordinance.

I understand you believe we the people of the 10th district are a great asset and you are concerned with development of economic opportunities and to create equitable housing in this district. Well, I take that as you are focused and dedicated to our survival.

After learning of Airbnb in 2016, I became a host for financial assistance needed monthly to help maintain and keep my home in Mid City Los Angeles. I am not sure of your position regarding the Home Sharing Ordinance but I did read where you are an advocate for Homelessness and Poverty matters. I'm writing this letter to inform that if not for the sharing of my extra bedroom for financial aid, I could very well be headed towards eventually losing my home and/or eating cat food for dinner!!! I am 68 years old, retired and a widow. Social Security is my only means of income. I live alone, my family is back East and my children both live in another state so I'm basically on my own!

As we are all aware, the cost of living is growing, but income is not on the same pace. In-fact the Department of Utility and Water just had another new increase not to mention the trash and sewer charge plus taxes added. Lets not also forget the increase in the cost of food which is only climbing on a daily basis. At my age, where am I getting a job and believe me; when I retired I tried to get a job.

Besides the money aspect of it all, home-sharing brings all nationalities of people to our neighborhood that are now supporting our local businesses. I have personally hosted guests from China, Taiwan, Germany, Hawaii, New Zealand and Canada and none of these people are wealthy; just simply hard working people who want and deserve a vacation. Regardless of the political atmosphere in the US this past year and current, you would be surprised at the joy these people experience coming to the USA and in particular Los Angeles.

My home is centrally located and our guests do/can walk to the local mom and pop markets, small shops and stores; they order food from local eateries, use our buses, metro lines, as well as Uber and Lift. They go to museums, movies and any and all the numerous attractions in and around LA - spending money!!!

Airbnb is a financial blessing to our neighborhood; to us as hosts, as well as to our guests. When travelers visit Los Angeles they need a nice, safe, clean, friendly and affordable place to stay. Why must they stay near the airport to feel safe? I venture to say more people visit Los Angeles now that they can afford lodging and food, and they are experiencing and staying in areas and supporting businesses they never would have heard of, nor visited if not for this short-term home-sharing program.

On this day of writing I have a young single mother who just arrived from Ohio with her 7 year old son, staying in my home for 4 days for their very first vacation and first time in Los Angeles. The mom stated to me that if it had not been for Air Bnb they would not be here as she could not afford hotel rates with her current income. The look in her son's eyes and the smile on his face when he was told he was going to Disney Land, Santa Monica Pier to ride on the ferris wheel, play the games and maybe go swimming in Venice Beach, simply tells it all!!! That's another example of how Air Bnb is changing people's lives.

I am hopeful that as a California taxpayer we will have the necessary support and a voice in City Hall and I pray you understand our need to do what we can, when we can. Please give this some serious thought and I pray you can see the need for Short-Term Housing especially in our Mid City neighborhoods. It's only a plus for us all!

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Pocknett

Air Bnb Host since October, 2016

RE: #CF: 1635-52

Dear Mr. Bonin,

I have been a Venice resident for over 14 years and an Airbnb host for a few years now. We have had a great experience overall. It is a nice social component to our life.

The rental income has been and still is a very important stabilizer for me as I am self-employed with fluctuating income. It was especially crucial when the last recession hit my profession as an architect pretty hard and the income was limited.

I also have family from overseas who comes and stay with me for a few weeks at a time. I could not host my family in my small house for this long, so I invested in building a new guest house to accommodate them.

Unfortunately the cost of construction was a stretch and without renting it between 9-11 months out of the year I wouldn't be able to sustain the mortgage and the loans for the added guest house.

My apartment would stay empty for at least 6-9 months out of the year and NOT become a permanent rental that the City of LA would like to see increasing. Not renting it on a short-term basis, would mean no additional income for me and less business for my neighborhood but not a new permanent rental.

We have seen many businesses thriving throughout the past years benefiting immensely from the guests staying in my and other rentals in Venice. Venice is a very tourist driven part of LA with way too few hotels that are attractive to families and modern travellers who want to live like a local and fit in.

Airbnb and other short-term rental site services increased the value of my property which is my main financial asset at the moment.

The next recession could come sooner than we think and I would appreciate the continuing opportunity to supplement my income with short-term rental income for more than 180 days per year.

Please reconsider the 180-day limit and support revision to allow responsible property owners to rent out a part of their principal residence or adjacent buildings on the same property without restriction as to how many days per year they can rent.

Warm regards,
Claudia W.

To whom it may concern:

I am a home sharing host. I live in Venice and have hosted people in my home from all over the country and the world. Our guests stay with us while they look for jobs, spend time at the beach, seek more permanent housing, explore Los Angeles, and even visit their families who live nearby. All of our guests, are contributing to our community, not only through their diverse stories, but through their support of local businesses, and me, a resident of Los Angeles.

I am writing in opposition to the portions of the proposed ordinance that limit what people can do with their primary residence. Particularly, I am opposed to the restriction on using guest houses for home sharing and the 180 day annual cap.

My family and I share our home to earn money and meet new people. Like many people in Venice and other historical neighborhoods, we rent a guest house on the property of our primary residence. We live in a modest home, just 940 square feet and we interact with our guests every day. This is not a party house, or a hotel, this is our home and we invite guests to enjoy our beautiful space with us.

If the proposed ordinance was passed, we would be forced to stop sharing our guest house. However, this would do nothing to increase affordable housing in LA because the unit that we rent was never available to long-term renters.

In 2014 I lost my job in technology industry. If it was not for home sharing, we would not have been able to pay our mortgage and keep our daughter in daycare so I could look for a new job. I am fearful that if we encounter these types of life events again, Airbnb will no longer be there as a lifeline. Than what do we do?

Home sharing has been a critical aspect of life in Los Angeles and without it, we may no longer be able to afford living in Venice.

Please be advised that we support the city in finding a solution that protects renters and neighborhoods. However, based on our home sharing experience, both the 180 cap and the ban on using guest houses, even on the property of the primary resident, will cost both the city and residents millions of dollars with no positive benefits.

We urge you to keep new regulations focused on the bad actors, and allow the home sharing community to thrive for the benefit of residents, the city and its visitors.

Regards

Chris Hartman
Venice, CA

To whom it may concern,

I'm a homeowner and Airbnb host writing to express concern over some aspects of the ordinance, which I believe unfairly disadvantage honest hosts like myself.

I currently live in a four bedroom home with a detached guesthouse. The guesthouse makes a wonderful place to stay for visitors (both my own friends and Airbnb paying guests) even though it is an 'unrentable' (for long term renters) unit due to the fact that it has no personal parking spot and only a partial kitchen. The income I've received renting out this guesthouse on Airbnb has saved me from going broke. I left teaching a year ago to pursue motherhood and simultaneously my partner was laid off from his job. He has been working hard for a year to raise money for a startup, with no income during this time. If we didn't have the opportunity to earn from the short term rental of our property we would have incurred massive debt and I would've had to return to a career I'm frankly exhausted from. Thanks to the ability to use this asset we've had a great year of hosting happy guests and drawing money into our neighborhood. Not a single guest has thrown a party, disturbed our neighbors or damaged property.

In summary, Airbnb has provided the following benefits:

- Income on an asset that would otherwise sit idle and empty
- Economic contribution to my personal household and my neighborhood
- Major source of relief for circumstances that would otherwise be financially and emotionally very stressful
- A convenient and enjoyable resource for travelers

As I see it, there are no disadvantages to my small business as an STO host:

- The space I am renting is not legally rentable to a long term tenant
- It's my own property and I'm using it to avoid incurring debt and hardship
- There are very few hotels in this neighborhood which means a potential loss of tourism if the supply of affordable accommodation is short/expensive
- No one is disturbed by the Airbnb guests because I carefully vet who stays at my home, providing personalized service to respectful guests

I understand that there are many interests that are for and against short term rentals. I believe thoughtful regulation is a good idea, to prevent abuses of this system by greedy people who are not using their own property. I'd willingly comply with regulation that ensures Airbnb is being utilized by conscientious hosts who are using this innovative tool to make ends meet and provide a personalized experience to guests. **I do not favor regulation that caps the number of days we can rent out our property or force us to share our property, which clearly doesn't make sense in my case given that I'm renting a small detached guesthouse.**

Thanks for your attention,

Chloe Prentoulis
949 636 4969

CF #1635-S2

Dear Mr. Bonin,

I wanted to take a moment to write to you about what Air BnB has meant to my family and our ability to live in a safe neighborhood. As you and anyone who lives in Los Angeles knows, it is an expensive place to live not only from a housing standpoint but also for utilities, food, gas, insurance, etc. Although both my boyfriend and I are employed full time in well-paying jobs and live within our means, we still find it very difficult to afford comfortable housing in a safe neighborhood while covering costs of living. Air BnB has changed that for us. We rent out a room on our property which allows us to stay in our home and afford the monthly payments. We have had more than 100 sets of guests stay with us from around the world and have had an excellent experience each and every time. We carefully screen every request to ensure they are a good fit for our home and for our neighborhood and have never had an incident or complaint from neighbors.

From a host standpoint, we love introducing people from around the world to Los Angeles and the Westchester neighborhood and provide personalized stays suggesting tourist activities and dining activities that support local businesses. We take great pride in offering a safe space within a local neighborhood to our travelers and enjoy meeting people from all different cultures.

While I understand that regulation of STRs is necessary and agree with many aspects of it, the clause restricting STRs to 180 days per year will have a negative impact for my family and me financially. I urge you to reconsider the 180-day limit and support revision to allow responsible property owners to rent out a part of their principal residence without restriction as to how many days per year.

Sincerely,

Catherine Bastarache, Westchester

RE: #CF: 1635-52

Dear Mr. Bonin,

I have lived in Mar Vista for almost 3 years. I am a renter in a rent controlled unit, but that does not mean my rent is under Section 42.

I understand the draft ordinance regulating short-term rentals (STR) is currently under consideration by the City Council. I fully understand that regulation of STRs is necessary, but restricting STRs to 180 days per year is not fair and not necessary so I wanted to relate my experience with STR' so that you may reconsider the proposed limit.

I travel for work and so does my brother (we both reside in the same unit). Our home sits empty half the time and sometimes we can take advantage of extra cash by allowing someone to stay in our unit while we travel. This does the following for us:

1. Helps cover the cost of rent while we are away.
2. Helps the market circulate money as we receive from STR and spend in STR wherever we go.
3. Allows us to timely cover student loans and help our senior parents.

Why put a limit where the possibility to work with one another is very attainable?

I urge you to reconsider the 180-day limit and support revision to allow responsible tenants to rent out their unit without restriction as to how many days per year.

Sincerely,

Caro Sol, Mar Vista

To whom it may concern:

I have been a resident and a property owner in Venice for over 30 years. I live in a very small house with one tiny bathroom. I also own a little 450 square foot cottage for my family to stay in when they travel from Europe to visit me (which they would not be able to do if they had to pay for a hotel and for which they are immensely grateful). I rescue injured birds and animals which require daily (sometimes hourly) care, which makes it impossible for me to travel myself. I could not afford the veterinarian expense these poor creatures require without the additional income I receive from renting the cottage when my family isn't here. The majority of my guests are Europeans and they have told me that they would not have been able to visit Venice if they had to stay in a hotel. They all frequent local establishments which is a boon to many neighborhood businesses. My husband died last year after a four-year battle with blood and bone cancer. It eventually led to paralysis which required the installation of hoists to get him in and out of the house for our countless trips to City of Hope. I had to hire people to get him in and out of his wheelchair and up and down the stairs. If I didn't have the income from the cottage rentals to pay for all his medical needs I wouldn't have survived. I still have medical bills, but with the help from Airbnb I can see the light at the end of what has been a long, dark tunnel.

Thank you,
Carmen Z
Venice

April 27, 2016

LA City Council

File #14-1635-S2

Councilman Englander

"This is a Pledge"

Dear Mr. Englander,

This letter will serve as a formal pledge to not restrict my ability to rent my home in the city of Porter Ranch due to the following:

In 2012 we had the honor of catering you and your friends in my business D'Cache restaurant for a special performing presentation of Mario Reyes (The Gipsy Man). Unfortunately, a few months later and due to the hard economy, I lost my business as well as the property in Toluca Lake back in 2013. For the very first time, I was forced to joining the lines of unemployment.

I purchased my house in Porter Ranch back in 1993, and now the circumstances, which have caused me to fall behind on my mortgage payments. Although I did everything possible to improve my financial situation, I was able to obtain a loan modification and forced to moved out, and rent my home.

Unfortunately, and to aggravate the situation, I was admitted to Garfield Medical Center in 2015 for a surgical left inguinal mass, which was growing too fast and put me under a lot of pain.

Shortly, my Surgeon gave me the bad news, when he diagnosed me with CANCER in the Lymphatic System and the recommendations were to getting treatment a.s.a.p. As you may understand, not only did I lose all my financial assets and resources, but along everything after losing my health.

The above, has had not only a financial, but mental, and now a health impediment to proceeding as I had planned. It is only because I have been able to home share through AirBnB that I can afford to hold in my home. Please do not restrict my ability to rent out my home.

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I have been able to rent my house to many travelers from around the world to visit our beautiful Los Angeles. I have created a safe and beautiful place to share and cultivate lasting relationships with the people I have rented too, I have been able to referred all my travelers to all the local restaurants, shopping malls and grocery stores in the area that will represent income for the city.

This ability to rent out is allowing me to pay for part of the mortgage bills.

I have always been involved in supporting community efforts to make Porter Ranch a beautiful place to live.

Please consider your decision and how it will affect my future.
Thank You again,

Jairo Gamba
818-624-8013

Dear LA City Council,

When we came to LA, a hotel was just not an option. I have 2 rambunctious young boys and we need a kitchen, so I'm not spending \$50 on room service every time they get hungry (which is often) and space for them to spread out, including a yard and walking distance to parks, where they can let off some steam.

If Airbnb wasn't available for my recent trip to Universal Studios, I would have gone somewhere other than LA for my kids' spring break.

Please keep home-sharing and short-term housing legal.

Carly Y

Saint Clair Shores, MI

To whom it may concern:

I am a regular visitor to Los Angeles since my daughter moved there 5 years ago. Several times we traveled on business, but since my husband retired we have been staying at Airbnbs in my daughter's neighborhood, Atwater Village.

We very much enjoy being nearby where she lives without having to stay at her small home. It is great to feel like part of the neighborhood and being able to walk to most places because travel in Los Angeles is quite difficult by car.

The jammed highways and city streets are a drawback of visiting and we would have to travel on them if not staying at a neighborhood Airbnb. We also enjoy having more room than we would staying at a hotel and being able to cook some of our own meals.

We do contribute to the local economy by visiting restaurants in Silverlake, Atwater Village and other areas nearby.

We have gone to many different tourist attractions and have gotten some great suggestions from the people that we have stayed with on our visits. Airbnb affords us the type of travel that we enjoy most, being immersed in the culture of the places we visit.

We have used it in other cities as well and hope to be able to continue to have that opportunity.

Sincerely,
C. Goodman
Newark, NJ

Dear Councilmember,

I am aware that the city has been working on creating an ordinance that would regulate short term rentals in L.A. To my understanding this ordinance is unclear and or has left out individuals (hosts) who are not owners of the properties they rent short term. Dismissing it as simply a violation of lease. Where as the verbiage in my lease leaves me in somewhat of a grey area. As I generally do not host guests for over the maximum amount of days allowed for non leaseholders to reside in my unit. I am technically not in violation of my lease and not subleasing.

I am a single independent contractor that lives with a feast or famine income. To help stabilize not only my financial wellbeing but peace of mind I am home sharing. Home sharing has allowed me to not only pursue my dreams in Los Angeles but afford health insurance. And to add to the support home sharing has given me, it has also enabled me to help my 83 year old great aunt avoid eviction. Airbnb has saved me from going into debt and onto financial assistance. It has allowed me to remain independent by having the financial freedom to make decisions that are best for me. Airbnb makes me not only a better person but a better tenant. I take pride in my living space by keeping it clean for my guests and I bend over backwards to make sure everything is safe and functioning.

I have a 1 bedroom apartment in Hollywood. As previously stated I am a renter. I feel people who claim that home sharing is the cause of decline in affordable housing are misinformed. I am not an abuser of the 'system'. This is my main place of residence and I am not an absentee host. The reality is the landlords in my area have remodeled and raised rent because of gentrification. Others claim home sharing is hurting the hotel industry. I see evidence first hand that it is not. As they have been erecting a hotel literally across the street from me for the past two years.

When the decision on home-sharing is to be made, I urge you to create sensible, fair laws that protect community members. Help me continue to follow my dream and not be dependent. Keep Air Bnb available to awesome renters like me.

Sincerely, Brianna B.

Dear Councilmember,

It has come to my attention that the city has been working on creating an ordinance that would regulate short-term rentals in LA. I'm writing you today as a Central LA resident to advocate for less-severe restrictions regarding these types of rentals.

I live in Hollywood, a central location that's ideal for short-term rentals. I travel a lot for work, and potential income from Airbnb helps to offset the cost of my travel, as well as contribute to the rent in a neighborhood of rising houses costs.

Airbnb allows me to choose whom I want in my home and for how long. I am a strong advocate and participant in the exchange of international culture. I've traveled to many countries, and enjoy meeting and hosting people from all over the world. Even when I'm home, I can utilize my guest room for Airbnb guests.

Travelers from a wide range of locations greatly contribute to the growing economy of Hollywood and Central LA. With many top-rated attractions within walking distance for tourists and other travelers alike, my Airbnb guests have a bevy of opportunities to explore the city and partake in local commerce. Some close-by retailers include the Arclight Cinema, Amoeba Records, Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, CVS, Chipotle, and many restaurants, bars, access to city tours, grocery stores, as well as direct and efficient public transportation to areas like Downtown Los Angeles, the San Fernando Valley, and Central Los Angeles.

I urge you to create sensible, fair laws that protect community members like me, and encourage the Central LA board members to do the same. Airbnb short-term rentals open the world up to local exchange of culture and commerce, making for a personal and economical profitable experience.

Sincerely,

Brian Vestal

To whom it may concern:

My name is Breanna, and I wanted to give my endorsement and reasons for choosing airbnb. I have stayed in quite a few hotels on trips and vacations, but once I discovered and used airbnb, I haven't looked back. With this service you not only get an awesome place to stay, you get a personal experience.

You don't feel like a tourist or guest in the town or city you're visiting. You feel like a part of the neighborhood. The hosts are nice people, and they are ready with suggestions and an inside view into what to do wherever you are. You get to feel totally immersed in the experience. It doesn't feel clinical and general like with a hotel or motel.

I believe this service should continue for everyone, because it not only makes travel easier and less expensive, it makes the entire experience something truly personal and unique.

Thank you for your consideration,
Breanna

To whom it might concern,

It has come to my attention that the city has been working on creating an ordinance that would regulate short term rentals in L.A.. As the city is working on the ordinance, Westside Neighborhoods have been giving pushback on favorable legislation by trying to support severe restrictions.

I move to LA few years ago, and when I first mover here, unfortunately AIRBNB didn't exist at the moment. otherwise it had being really helpful for me those first months when I was getting all my things ready for collage and looking for an apartment at a city I had never visit before and for wish I had no clue about good neighborhood to live according to my needs.

After graduating collage first thing I wanted to do, was to enjoy my life by traveling all place possible. Hotels were so expensive that most of my budget was upended there.

Now that I have the possibility to have my own apartment, I am so glad that AIRBNB exists now and give me and a lot of people the opportunity to travel and visit cities were you can go and experience how it might feel to live there by staying in someones apartment, and going to the local shops that hosts recommend.

I also enjoy a lot that most of my AIRBNB guests are around my age and by renting one of my rooms, I get the opportunity to interact with people otherwise I wouldn't have the oportinity. I have to say, honestly, I had meet very nice people that after staying with me, we stay in touch and continue with has it become a very nice friendship.

Hopefully Westwood board members support the Bonin/Wesson Motion on short term rentals.

Sincerely,
Gaby Maese