

Council File #14-1635-S2

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Dear Councilman Paul Koretz,

I'm writing to ask you to help create clear and fair legislation regarding home sharing.

I have been a resident of Westwood since 1985. I was married back then, and now I am a single woman, trying to support my children and I am in need of supplemental income to be able to pay my living costs. I had a hard time to support myself with just a minimal part time bookkeeping job. Ever since my daughter left to NY to study, thanks to Airbnb I am able to cover my expenses. I started sharing my daughter's room with the guests through Airbnb and it has been a lot of help that I can handle the rising costs of living now a days. I've been able to pay my mortgage and I have been able to better support my daughter who is far away.

Almost all of my guests in the past couple of years have been affiliated with UCLA. They come here for internships, the UCLA Medical center for health issues, or UCLA Extension programs. It is convenient to them because it is affordable for them to be nearby UCLA.

Please consider people like me when you draft the final legislation on home sharing.

Regards,

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