

Re: City Council File #14-1635-S2

Dear Councilman Cedillo,

My wife & I are constituents in your district. We are both supporters of home sharing and the Council's effort to draft fair and sensible home sharing legislation here in Los Angeles.

We've lived in our first owned home in Mt. Washington for over 15 years, & eastside, (Eagle Rock, Silverlake) since the early 80's. We love our district & neighborhood. We're members of a couple of community organizations. We love it here.

To help make ends meet, a year or so ago, with the urging of a couple of friends, we decided to rent out our lower suite on a part time basis through the home sharing community. We weren't sure that it would work for us or that we'd find people interested in our hilly hood. As it is, we've met very interesting people from around the globe, made some remarkable friends, & supplimented our fluctuating income.

My wife is an independant contractor and she does well when working. But too often she'll be without work for months. The home sharing income has been a Godsend.

Just last October I as able to retire as a teacher in LAUSD & pursue my passion in art and poetry, and become more of the handyman with home maintenance. My retirement hinged on the home sharing income. My teacher's retirement income & the home sharing income just about equal what I made as a teacher. We had no other retirement plan or savings. The home sharing has saved the day for us.

We always recommend local markets & eateries, coffee shops & shopping areas, art walks etc. to our guests. Our guests have been respectful of our neighbors. The neighbors have had no complaints. We make our guests aware of our statewide water issue & suggest low energy usage. We've had immense pleasure & joy being able to be a part of this home sharing movement.

I hope that you will continue to advocate for home sharing here in LA and draft reasonable, viable, win/win home sharing legislation for the city and your constituents who participate in the home sharing community. Home sharing actually enables constituents to survive & flourish in this district and in the expensive city of Los Angeles, CA.

Sincerely,

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