

REF: CF#14-1635-S2

Dear Councilman Gil Cedillo,

Greetings, I am writing in regards to the planned ordinance draft for Home sharing in the South Los Angeles district of which I reside near the staples center. I would like to express my support for the "home-sharing" platform as it has had a positive impact on my livelihood, the neighborhood, as well the many guests that have stayed with me. This concept of opening up my home to guests from all over the world has been a enriching experience for me because a couple years before this I was struggling have had a career turning point and needed a change. Over the 6 years i have lived in my current residence and over 10 years here in downtown, (though I am a Los Angeles native) I have seen downtown grow immensely creating a higher demand for affordable accommodations for middle class working individuals which whom I host on a daily basis. With the city gentrification there are no affordable lodgings within walking distance to the Convention Center or Staples Center. Though I do not agree with large property management companies having 3 or more units under the home sharing umbrella. I try to provide a personal experience encompassing the true authenticity of the city. It also has given me the chance to explore the career aspects of hospitality and property management, which has truly been a joy! Please consider supporting the Home Sharing concept for Los Angeles residents. I see many of the LA's roots and charm being taken away everyday from large developments and big businesses. Please allow us to continue to share our homes and show guests the special things our city has to offer. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind Regards

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My name is Ross Falcone. I live in the city center in an apartment with my brother, and we are engaged in tourist business, we pay all taxes

We believe that such a service as airbnb is very useful for the tourism industry as a whole, and it also helps us to raise money to realize our ideas and pay rent right now Rent its very very expensive (1400-1800 us dollars 2 bedroom apt) , and we want Los Angeles and California to become America's tourist capital. The money we receive from this, we all spend only on development in this tourist industry and help the city become even more attractive for new tourists. All the people who come to us spend a lot of money on recreation here, they visit: cafes, restaurants, make a lot of purchases, visit the universal Disneyland studio, and with all their money they also pay taxes, and these payments only the city and the state Win! If you limit the number of days for tourists, it will hit the tourist industry very much, and many will have to close their not big business, which depends on tourists!

To whom it may 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, Van Nuys Neighborhood has been giving pushback on favorable legislation by trying to support severe restrictions.

I am a full time working hairstylist. I have a 3 bedroom two bathroom house located in the city of Van Nuys. I rent the entire house out to the guests coming from all over the world on Airbnb. Their visits here help us to increase the local businesses like restaurants, car rentals, movie theatres, grocery stores, shopping malls and retails businesses.

On the other hand, Airbnb allows me to use this income to pay for my mortgage and utility bills. On top of that, I am able to use this extra income to upgrade my house changing my garden into a drought proof one. I was able to also install central air system for my house and update the window to double pane window blocks the noise and the heat out. I am also providing job opportunities for my community having professional cleaners and gardeners come to clean up after each guest's stay. On top of that, I'm more than happy to have paid taxes to the city for running my Airbnb for the improvement of my community and neighborhood.

Upon deliberation of home sharing in Los Angeles, I urge you to create sensible, fair laws that protect community members like me, and encourage the Van Nuys board members to support the Bonin/Wesson Motion on short term rentals so that long term Van Nuys residents like myself can keep contributing to my neighborhood and community.

Sincerely

Keya

Dear Mr. Krekorian,

I just found out about the ordinance to regulate short term rentals in L.A. I feel like I really need to speak up because with out short term rentals and opening our home up on Airbnb we would not be able to stay in Los Angeles.

I moved out here ten years ago to pursue acting, and as you know it's a tough game. My husband eventually moved out here with me and is pursuing music, another tough industry. And we recently just had a baby.

All the jobs I had or was in pursuit of have completely been put on hold due to just having a baby, so now my husband is doing all he can to pick up the extra load but we are not making ends meet. My girlfriend suggested Airbnb so that we could stay in our house and stay in LA where we have built such an amazing community of people.

It's really important to us to be able to stay in our home, one because we need the space for the baby, but also because we host a bible study group here every Sunday night. We feed everyone as well and we open our home to counsel and love on the beautiful people of this city. Our house is so special to people and large enough to accommodate them all.

We got our house five years ago and we pay a fair price, but if we had to move out we would not be able to afford a one bedroom apartment in LA let alone a nice size house and we would not be able to serve our community in the way that we do or have a bedroom for our baby. And we definitely would not be able to have more children because we would not be able to afford to. It is so crazy how expensive it is out here.

And, we have had so many amazing experiences and met so many amazing people through Airbnb. In our area we get tons of dancers from all over the world who attend the dance studios in North Hollywood. They would never come over here and spend the money at those studios if they didn't have such an affordable option as Airbnb. We also have families that come to go to Universal Studios all the time. The families always need more then most hotels offer. They need a full kitchen, yard, cribs etc all at a very low price. If they did not have affordable housing they would not be attending Universal Studios as all because they would not be able to take the whole family.

The other reason why we love Airbnb so much is because we always use it when we travel to get a more authentic representation of whatever culture we are in. There is just something so beautiful about being in someone's home and seeing how they live in that country. Hotels can be very generic and impersonal. We also always require a full kitchen when we travel because we have a baby.

I beg of you to reconsider this ordinance. It will really prevent so many students coming over and the arts district will really get affected by this. Furthermore, if people are going to do this kind of thing they will always find a way around the rules. There will just pop up another site similar to Airbnb. It would be better to address the concerns with back ground checks etc.

Honestly, the people that use Airbnb have been completely lovely and respectful people. We have had zero problems. They are all here to support the community, shop and eat out. It's great for our neighborhoods.

Thank you,

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

TO: Paul Krekorian

FROM: Dwayne Taylor

RE: Home-Sharing Ordinance

I usually don't write letters like this and I find it extremely difficult for me to express myself in writing, but I'm so SCARED as to what this Council File: 12-1635-S2 is going to do to my quality of life. I have lived in the San Fernando Valley for over 30 years and 28 of those years I have been living paycheck to paycheck. For the last two years things have finally been going on the right path due a service I used to rent out a room in my apartment. The extra income has helped me finance a documentary project in hope of gaining recognition in the entertainment industry which may lead to a better job and living more comfortably without worrying about whether I'm going to have money to pay my bills.

If Council File: 12-1635-S2 passes I'm back to square one. This is day two of me trying to complete this letter because the issue has impacted me in a negative way. So with that said I will finish with a simple statement "NO on Council File: 12-1635-S2"

Concerned resident

Dwayne Taylor

Dear Mr. Krekorian,

I recently heard about the news about the ordinance in Los Angeles about limiting Airbandb hosts to a certain amount of days per year.

I'm a young single woman who lives in the No Ho Arts District and decided to give Airbandb a shot when I needed to cover a hefty medical bill and it became clear that my income wasn't going to be enough to cover my rent, utilities, vehicle, insurance and daily life needs.

I live in a very humble 1 bedroom with a small loft that I've made into a guest room. At \$1800 for rent and around \$300 for utilities, I'd have to be making \$6300 just to be approved for my current apartment. Since apartment buildings require triple the amount in income, it has become near impossible for me to earn \$6300 a month while working full time and even taking on some overtime.

I certainly don't live an extravagant lifestyle by anyone's standard. I simply want to keep my little 1 bedroom in a neighborhood that's close to my current job and my family.

I support Airbandb and the community we have built through their service. I kindly ask that the people of the community be taken into consideration on any future ordinances.

Sincerely,

Jade

LA City Council File #14-1635-S2

Dear Council Member Krekorian,

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

I was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank, where I worked as a nurses aid during the summers while going to Providence High School. Yes, a true Valley Girl !! I am a widow and a working mother who raised my two children by myself.

When I was at the top of my career I became so sick I was in bed for several years till the doctors could figure out what was wrong with me. My immune system had been destroyed by massive amounts of mercury poisoning, leaving me unable to think or speak coherently. My medical bills and constant care wiped out my savings.

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 wonderful landlord to many 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 pay for medical bills and get the kind of care I need to continue my recovery from being so sick for over 15 years. 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 over 36 years. I have grandchildren now and I want them to come and visit me in the same home I raised my children in.

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

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

Thank you again,

Eileen W.

To Bob Blumenfeld

We have been homeowners in Woodland Hills for over 26 years. In February, 2009, I was laid off after working 17 years at an international investment firm downtown. I was fortunate to find a job six months later... but at half of my salary. In October, 2014, my husband suffered a major heart attack and a spinal stroke. He is now on Social Security disability.

Our financial planner recommended renting out our room upstairs on Airbnb, as a way of generating more income to meet our financial obligations.

Renting through Airbnb has allowed us to stay in our home and tackle large medical bills. We also recommend local businesses to guests, supporting the local economy.

We urge you not to limit the number of rental days for owner occupied properties. We need to pay bills all year round. Cutting the number of days will also reduce the short term rental taxes to the city.

Thank you.

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SUBJECT LINE:

Remember: "There But for The Grace of God Go I"
Response to Home Sharing Draft Ordinance CF#14-1635-S2

- 1) **Owner Occupied Residence " Home Sharing"**
 - a) Owner must live in property they host - and be in attendance (or owner representative e.g family member, property manager, etc.) during duration of guest stay
 - b) Home Sharing owner's limited to one property in LA
- 2) **STR Property Investors-** Property other than "Home Sharing" above treated by rules and regulations closer to traditional hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts.

AMENDMENTS

- 3) **Eliminate CAPS** on number of hosting DAYS AND HOSTINGS per owner occupied residence
 - a) **Why?**
 - i) The ordinance as proposed will eliminate the vast majority of "bad apples" and other related issues and will EFFECTIVELY manage the challenges of STR.
 - ii) Home Sharing is difficult-to-impossible to reliably identify, prove and enforce. Proving a home visit is NOT a STR (e.g. just a family or friend visit) becomes a "proof of negative". This is potentially an invasion of privacy. This opens doors to conflicts and lawsuits between neighbors and/or the city.
 - iii) Will force bookings off Platform (e.g. Airbnb)
 - iv) Off Platform rentals will:
 - (1) Lower security by preventing access to Airbnb "vetting" guests
 - (2) Potentially increase crime potential by forcing CASH transactions vs. third party verified credit transactions
 - (3) No Airbnb insurance during off Platform stays
 - (4) "Underground" economy prevents collection of taxes and fees
 - v) CAPS lowers tax revenues collected and dedicated to:
 - (1) Homeless Fund
 - (2) Providing adequate revenues required to fund enforcement ordinance.
 - (3) STR is also one of the few options - available to once healthy people partially disabled and elderly and/or age discriminated against - to earn income and not rely solely on government largesse.

We ask you to please take these steps to help ensure Home-Sharing is a viable lifeline and is allowed to contribute to a better life for all.

Please remember for both yourself and loved ones -

"There but for the grace of God, go I."

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April 27, 2017

Dear Council member

I have heard that the city has been working on creating an ordinance that would regulate short term rentals in Los Angeles.

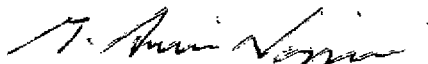
I own a business that gives me no income yet. I drive Uber part time. My wife works full time however her salary is not enough to pay for our mortgage and living cost. We have been struggling for a long time as a result we end up with a huge mortgage and thousands of dollars in credit card debt.

About a year ago our son told us about Airbnb and suggested to list the extra rooms we have on Airbnb. Ever since we have no more financial difficulties, Thanks to the Extra income from Airbnb.

We have hosted guests from fifteen different countries so far. Our guests came to Los Angeles for Vacation, Business, School, Seminars, Job training, Relocating etc.

Upon making a decision on Home sharing in Los Angeles, We urge you to create reasonable and fair Laws to protect community members like us so we can continue living in our home comfortably.

Sincerely,



Amin Nassiri



Deba Nassiri

April 20, 2017

Dear Councilmember Blumenfield,

Please take a moment to hear my personal story regarding home sharing as you go forward with any consideration of regulating home sharing in Los Angeles County.

I am a 23-year home owner in Woodland Hills, where I raised my three children as a single mother.

Four years ago I was laid off from my job. Instead of staying on unemployment while I looked for employment, I decided to start my own business as a digital marketer. The beginning was rough as I had no other source of income, little savings, and no backing. I was also still supporting one of my three children at the time.

A friend suggested I try using the home sharing site AirBnb to help bring in extra income so I could focus on building my business. Hesitant at first, my first guest was from Brazil, a young architect doing research at The Getty Museum. He was an intelligent and wonderful person. Luis stayed with me three weeks. My next two guests were young women, new college graduates, from the East Coast, who were seeking new opportunities here in California. They both stayed a year. Since then I've met a variety of people from the United States and from around the world, mostly young people studying at local colleges and universities, some seeking new jobs, and others simply here to enjoy our wonderful city and all it has to offer.

In addition to meeting new people, I have been able to continue to grow my new business, and afford to keep my home while doing so. While the benefits of home sharing have been financial, I have also developed long-lasting friendships.

As well, I believe my local community benefits greatly as the people who have stayed with me visit local restaurants, shops and markets, providing much needed revenue to our local business owners, and to our city and county.

It is my sincerest hope that you are able to read this letter, and to understand the great benefits of home sharing not only for me, but to many community members and businesses. May you consider carefully the impact upon homeowners who share their living spaces when drafting future legislation, and to make sure they are clear and fair rules that will benefit all.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Members of the Los Angeles City Council and Paul Koretz,

I am writing to ask you to write clear and fair legislation regarding home sharing: do not limit Airbnb income to six months per year. My bills do not stop coming in the mail after half the year is over.

Three years ago my wife lost her job, and was unable to get another one. We seriously considered either selling our home, or moving out of our area and renting: we could not continue paying our mortgage with only one salary. Thanks to Airbnb my wife's been able to generate income, and we've been able to remain in our home.

Many of our Airbnb renters would not travel at all if they had to pay hotel prices: the only way they can finance a trip is with cheap airfare and Airbnb. Reduce Airbnb and you reduce the number of these low-income travelers coming to Los Angeles, which have provided over twenty million dollars in transiency taxes in nine months since last August. This is in addition to the money they give to struggling homeowners and small local businesses. The City of Los Angeles is on track to gain close to thirty million dollars from Airbnb this year. The proposed six-month plan is a disaster for everyone: homeowners, businesses, and our city do not want half of what is possible.

Many of our Airbnb guests have said they enjoy experiencing the city from the vantage point of a local, without the anonymous sterility of the generic hotel room. Our neighbors have had a chance to meet many of our guests from around the world, and we've been able to direct our guests to our local businesses to give them more income: everybody wins with Airbnb.

Until eviction laws are changed, renting a room in our house remains a very scary idea: renters that lose their job can currently stay up to six months without paying rent, and then we must pay a relocation fee that could be in the thousands of dollars. With Airbnb the rent is paid ahead of time online with a credit card, so there is never any question of having to financially support our tenant.

Please consider my story and my situation when you draft legislation regarding home sharing, and please allow me to rent out my own room in my own house to whomever I want for 365 days a year.

Sincerely,

Conrad Hurtt

Dear Paul Koretz,

As Los Angeles bounds into spring, I am reminded once again why my love for this city stays stoic and why it has become my home for 30+ years. I am fortunate to own a beautiful home; one I love as I would a child and one that hugs me every day as I step past its threshold. I painstakingly renovated it from near rubble. You would say I am house-proud.

A few years back, as the economy fell into a downturn, I ran into financial hard times. The thought of losing my home was more than I could bare. My survival tactics were in full swing and I needed to find a solution. I (reluctantly) became a member of the home sharing community, Airbnb. It was the unknown that had me reluctant. How could I possibly consider bringing a stranger into my home? I had little choice but to jump into the unknown. I opened my home to visitors from all over the world - taking in guests from China, Cyprus, New York, Australia, Germany, Canada, Florida, and Indiana. How is it that this huge world could become so small with the one simple gesture of bringing a stranger into your home? Forward thinking? Not really. Taking strangers into your home has been around for as long as people have travelled. Sharing my home has done so much for me and so much for others, including the merchants in my neighborhood. Not the big box stores, but the small family businesses. I support the neighborhood bakery, dry cleaners, hair salon, yoga studio, and restaurants. I know this to be a fact as these merchants have personally thanked me for sending my guests.

It has been a full 6 years. I have maintained my home. I have upgraded the landscaping, added central A/C, rebuilt rotted driveway gates and hired a housekeeper. But more importantly it has made me a better person. I have learned compassion, patience, empathy and graciousness by the mere act of hosting. Literally opening my doors to the world has made me a proud Angeleno. I look forward to the arrival of a guest: one that arrives as a stranger and leaves as a friend.

Los Angeles home sharers are the best ambassadors this city could ever think possible. Home sharing can and will be the catalyst to change the world.

I challenge city council to weigh out its options. If home sharing were to be restricted to one listing and or 180 days, home sharers would struggle for certain and without question, hosts would take measures to maintain their capabilities which would inevitably take hosting underground... the scenarios would play out to nothing short of disastrous.

I plead once again to allow home sharing to thrive and exist without the proposed restrictions.

Suzan Fellman

Nury Martinez,

You are constantly making terrible decisions for your constituents so lets use this opportunity to break from tradition and do something useful! Airbnb is an absolute godsend for anyone trying to rent a home or room in Los Angeles and SPECIFICALLY Van Nuys. Do to the ridiculous laws your council has put forth regarding the homeless and squatting right there is no bigger risk than allowing someone to rent an empty room or apartment. I have heard dozens of horror stories regarding tenants who don't pay and the inability to evict them. AIRBNB makes it possible for the average person to safely rent their home or room without worry. On top of that it gives you added flexibility. Most people I have encountered are looking for a short term lease while they establish themselves in a new city. Most apartments are looking for a year + with hefty added deposits. Unarguably, AIRBNB is the best way to find accommodation and the safest way to find a renter.

Best regards,

Mike L

Hello Council Member Martinez,

I wanted to write a letter letting the decision makers know what a HUGE benefit Airbnb has been to my Neighborhood. Also My overall Financial life. I started listing my home last July, since then from all the guests. I have put 10,000.00 back into my home and fixed it up completely. Upgraded the front of the home, added in air units, Fixed the outside landscaping. . I have hosted over 50 people, some from the LA area needing a peaceful break to a quiet neighborhood. Privacy. Also out of the country and out of state tourists. Airbnb is a great gift to overall travelers. They are able to see how we live amongst our community , versus a hotel setting in a standard area. They are able to enjoy a home. They have used the local restaurants, shops, transportation which has most definitely added to the area. A couple people that own homes on my street have started to host and are doing very well. They are also able to upgrade their homes due to the revenue. The guest I host I am able to chose. I request quiet families that would like a nice get away. Airbnb is life changing. One of the greatest gifts to the traveling world. It is affordable and connects people together . The way of the future is changing . Finally allowing people to utilize things they own to support a living ...

All the best ,
Allison F

Dear Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson

I am a homeowner of a residential duplex that falls under the RSO ordinance. For the past 2+ years I have rented one of my units part-time on Airbnb which has been a great experience.

The reason I went this route is due to my home buying experience. When I purchased my property, even before closing escrow, one of the tenants that was behind on rent more than 3 months was in the process of being evicted and she decided to add me to her lawsuit which had me in court for over 9 months and cost me thousands and thousands of dollars in attorney fees. Not only did this cost in legal fees it also cost me more money as the tenant, who was not only very rude and unreasonable, was able to stay in the unit until the case was settled. Even entering my property during this time was unpleasant as I was always confronted with her aggression and attitude amongst other negative things.

After this experience ended, I decided to try my luck with Airbnb and bingo it has been a success for me. I'm able to set my own schedule on when I would like to host guest as well as earn the passive income I expected when buying a multi-unit property.

I think home sharing is a very positive experience for all involved and I hope I will not loose this opportunity all because my unit falls under RSO. This would be devastating for me as I never want to experience what happened when purchasing the property. I am very hesitant to rent my unit out again to a full time tenant due to RSO and my past experience.

Thank you for your consideration of my voice and story.

JAR...

I am writing you to ask you to help write a clear and fair legislation regarding home sharing. I have a family to keep up with. My wife Lily suffers from diabetes and she has been through 3 eye surgeries. Obviously, it is a big life changing experience. The impact in our home has been big. I decided to start home sharing to support all expenses that now are only based on my income. I am thankful for homesharing since it helps me to stay current with all expenses. Airbnb has been a tool I can use to get extra income and provide what my family needs. Also, it has been great securing my home mortgage.

Airbnb has been giving me another opportunity which I appreciate. I have seen the big impact for the city of Los Angeles too. Not only for the neighborhood where I live, but for all type of business which include taxis, airport shuttles, restaurants, metro lines. Airbnb has been also great for people seeking medical attention, or institutions where they can study. Overall, homesharing brings jobs to the table and income to our city.

Please consider my story. I am part of Los Angeles and I live in Los Angeles. I am a father providing for my family.

Sincerely,

Henry Garcia.

I was introduced to Airbnb back in 2013. I thought it was a crazy idea. Not because the idea of Home Sharing scared me, but rather because, from the outside, Airbnb seemed to be yet another soulless, gluttonous corporation,

We are not new to home sharing. We host:

- Artist residencies
- Couch surfers
- Gap year students
- Foreign exchange students
- Friends who are jobless or heartbroken
- We also have long term tenants

Our eight bedroom, craftsman affords us the luxury of sharing in unique ways.

We built an Airbnb profile in October 2016, because our daughter's college education demanded a financial effort just beyond our current resources. While it's true Airbnb bridges that monetary gap for us, our real benefit derives from the guests we've hosted.

- We started an Airbnb Film club. Founding members include 4 Airbnb'ers.
- I am currently shooting a music video for a guest.
- We are planning to educate our youngest daughter in Spain for her Senior year of High School. The planning process involves my Airbnb community.
- I am now a staff photographer for organization called table Top Inventing. Founded by a couple we hosted.

All this (and I could go on) though home sharing through the company I ignorantly misjudged, not to mention, we now feel as though we have family in 8 different countries.

As a small business owner, I know intimately how hard it is to create something from scratch. Few American companies enjoy a global common, celebrating partnership with it's constituency. Airbnb behaves like a cooperative and inspires it's host to be their best selves. The added value Airbnb bestows me implores you to understand that this company is a true celebration of the American, entrepreneurial spirit and has magically materialized the impossible in providing a platform for travelers to deepen their connection and experience in a way that was previously inconceivable through home and life sharing.

I trust that you will lend deeper consideration to drafting legislation to enable those of us who enjoy, benefit, appreciate and take pride in the enterprise of homesharing via Airbnb.

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Dear Council President Herb Wesson,

My name is Deirdre Higgins and I live in your district on South Oxford Avenue, between Venice and Washington. I love my neighborhood and I love what you have been doing to support District 10. I have a concern, though. It's regarding individuals and corporations who are actively trying to squeeze Airbnb out of the marketplace.

Let me give you a little inkling as to who the Airbnb hosts are in your neighborhood. They are like me-- a single mom of two, who is struggling to pay bills; they are disabled people who can no longer work but cannot live sufficiently on disability alone; they are elderly people who have grown up in this neighborhood and need to supplement their social security by renting out extra bedrooms; they are young couples who are struggling to find jobs. We are the faces of Airbnb. We are not making a fortune off of hosting. Indeed, I charge about \$950 a month to have someone stay in my extra bedroom. I have been a lecturer at USC and teach academic writing to international students. Due to Trump's misguided policies, international students are opting to study in Canada or Australia rather than in "Make America Great" United States.

Consequently, as of two days ago, I have no job and the future looks bleak. Without Airbnb I cannot live in Los Angeles, nor would I be able to scrape together money to pay health insurance (which I will lose as of May 1st) and car insurance, and other significant bills. We Airbnb hosts pay taxes and we are not looking for 'under the table' payments like what happens on Craig's List. We are just looking to stay in our homes.

I've had hundreds of guests stay at my home and not only do they bring a great cultural diversity

to the community, they frequent the local stores and restaurants; they bring money to the community. They eat at the Ethiopian and Indian restaurants on Western and Washington, and at Bento Man on Western and they drink coffee at Blu Elephant. They visit the local Korean spas. The walk to the corner bodega for milk. All of this is to say--- PLEASE help us keep Airbnb alive and well. Two students from Germany were only able to do a three month internship at City Hall last year because they could afford to stay at my Airbnb.

Lately, people (at the least the ones I know) are feeling very despondent by Trump and his oligarchs. It just seems that unless one is very rich, there is little hope for any of us. And that is why I am appealing to you to help us... so we can remain in our homes.

Dear Councilman Herb Wesson, Jr.,

I've been a resident of Leimert Park for over ten years. I've seen the area change and the diverse population the neighborhood has begun to attract. I believe this is because of the diverse visitors who have begun to visit the neighborhood due to the lower costs involved in home sharing in the neighborhood. This provides not only a new source of income for current resident but also visitors who bring much needed revenue to the local business in the area because of home sharing.

I'm asking you to help create clear and fair legislation regarding home sharing for our community. Please protect myself and my neighbors who list their extra available space. Airbnb is very positive for our community and I would like it to be here for the long term.

Best regards,

Derek Longshore

Dear LA City Council:

I am writing you to help to create clear and fair legislation regarding home sharing. I have been living in Los Angeles since 2006 and I have been resident and homeowner in Harvard Heights neighborhood since 2009. I have purchased my current home at the heights of recession and have remodeled it thus contributing to the improvement of the neighborhood. Since then I was renting some rooms in the house for both short and long term people. Doing that allowed me to survive financially during the recession and still keep my home. Now when the recession is over I am able to start rebuilding my business and have some money for home improvement projects.

Initially I was doing home sharing through Airbnb to fill the gaps between longer term tenants. The I noticed by host through airbnb I was able to attract better quality tenants who are both financially sound and can contribute to social atmosphere in the house. Since then I am doing a combination of long and short term people at home and Airbnb was a great help in finding good tenants. Many of those people come to get resettled in Los Angeles and my house serves as a great introduction to the city. I am able to provide new arrivals information about what is there in the neighborhood and introduce them to a new circle of friends something that they would not be able to do if they stayed in the hotel. Thus I am contributing to the gentrification of the neighborhood.

I would like to see the city to continue to get cleaner, safer and more livable. Last several years we saw some progress in that area and one of the factors was proliferation of home sharing which allowed homeowners to fix up their homes and attract high quality tenants. Please consider that when you work on the legislation regarding home sharing.

Home sharing is not in any way a problem or a cause of housing shortage. On the opposite: home sharing actually increases supply of available housing both by encouraging reclaiming dilapidated properties and introducing new rental units to the housing market.

We need legislation which would encourage more home sharing and not place any onerous regulations or restrictions on the home owners. This way the city of Las Angeles will be able to meet its budget requirements, efficiently combat crime and create safe and productive environment for it's residents and businesses.

Sincerely,
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I am writing this letter to express my feelings regarding the AirBNB that is next door to me, at 4119 2nd Ave. I know there are issues concerning this service.

I would like to say that Peggy Sturdivant who runs the establishment, is a concerned and caring individual. She ensures that the property itself is neat and clean, inside and out. She is concerned that the neighbors are in no way inconvenienced or disturbed. In fact, she has asked me on several occasions if there is any disruption. Quite frankly unless I actually see the occupants coming or going, I don't know that anyone's there. That's how quiet it is.

I know there are issues/problems with numerous establishments but I'm also sure there are many people like Peggy who run a well organized facility. These people should not be painted with the same brush or caught up in the negativity of others. They should be able to continue with maintaining their home.

Thank you for your time.

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