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Dear Los Angeles City Council,

I am staying, or have stayed, in Los Angeles through the use of  
11-19-15 to 11-29-15.

I am personally concerned that you would be trying to ban this in  
Because of my rental I was able to (check all that apply):

- Travel for business at a fair cost
- Travel for vacation at a fair cost
- Able to visit family I would normally not be able to visit
- Attend a city function I wouldn't have normally been at
- Have more money to spend during my travels
- Visit Los Angeles for possible re-location

I did also book my rental with a company that has collected Tran  
I am a responsible guest and that I was well informed of my prop  
was asked to sign a rental agreement with all property rules, and  
information (which was located in the building I am renting).

I do hope you will pass fair regulations for short-term rentals in t

Traveler Name Printed: Dana Bennett

Traveler Name Signed: [Signature]

Date Signed 11 / 19 / 15

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February 3, 2015 ✓

VIA EMAIL



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**Re:** Council File 14-1635-S2 ✓

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the motion by Councilmember Mike Bonin to create a new ordinance addressing short term rentals.

Whereas seniors are currently 10% of the Air BnB hosts, with 56% of those being retired and 25% being empty nesters, with 49% doing this for financial reasons.

(<http://blog.airbnb.com/celebrating-airbnbs-60-host-community/>).

Whereas the following statistics project that our senior community will face significant financial challenges for aging in place:

- About 22% of Americans 65 years and older are in danger of becoming elder orphans - single or widowed; they have no children, at least in the area, and no support system. Based on 2012 U.S. Census data, about one third of Americans age 45 to 63 are single, and in a position to become orphans as they age.
- People age 65 and older now make up 13 percent of the total population and will jump to 16% by 2020 and 19% by 2030
- 33% of Boomers have put aside less than \$50,000 for retirement
- Baby Boomers have saved an average of \$262,541, about a third of the \$805,398 they predict they'll need at retirement.
- Among the first wave of baby boomers to hit retirement age, more than half (54 percent) quit working before they planned. A majority of those polled say it was job loss or health-related issues.
- The average annual cost of a nursing home is \$91,000 per year
- Home caregiver 24/7 costs are \$125 a day and up and will further increase with the Dept. of Labor decision that home caregivers must be paid at least minimum wage and overtime.
- Assisted Living facilities average \$3,351 per month for a one bedroom but are as high as \$12,000 with costs increasing as the level of care increases.
- Short term rentals are often the only viable means for seniors to bring in extra income to cover their increased cost of living expenses due to the need for additional services as seniors age in place and maintain independence.
- 80% of women live longer than their spouses, often by many years, on average 14. Widowhood creates economic hardship as Social Security benefits and pensions plans benefits have a reduced pay out after a spouse dies.
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The Mar Vista Community Council believes that short term rentals will be a key component in our fight to help seniors stay in their home as they age. Therefore, as proposed by Councilmember Mike Bonin, the MVCC urges the LA City Council to authorize a host to rent all or part of their primary residence to short-term visitors, permitting someone to rent a spare room, or a back house.

Thank you for your consideration  
in this matter,

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

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Bill Koontz, Chair  
Mar Vista Community Council





11/19/15 2:15 PM

Dear Councilman Ryu,

I write in the fervent hope that you will aid in creating fair and just legislation regarding home-sharing. My name is Katie Booth and I have been an Airbnb host for 1.5 years. I live in the Hollywood/Hancock Park neighborhood and work in the entertainment industry as both an actor and member of production. I am a patron at many local businesses, a tax-payer and someone who believes in the community and beauty of Los Angeles.

I became an Airbnb host when I found the second bedroom in my house vacant after my sister/roommate moved to another city. Airbnb was meant to be a temporary solution and way to supplement my income until I could land on my feet. I didn't want another roommate because I had had many and found that they were careless and devalued my house. What started as a temporary arrangement soon became an indispensable part of my life. Not only do I strongly believe in the philosophy of Airbnb, but it has enriched my life in many ways – not just monetarily. It is a device which brings about an international community and puts money in the hands of the everyday, middle-class people and small business-owners. I have had many walks of life in my home, and I can say that I am a kinder, more trusting, more open person as a result. In a world with vast conflict, prejudice and discord, I think bringing people together in this way is a gift and should not be wasted or made out to be a negative element. I have had only positive experiences. And as a person who works as an independent contractor in a highly unstable profession—which is the backbone to this city—Airbnb has been extremely helpful in keeping my head afloat. I find it an atrocity that the hotel industry/big business is fighting so hard against something that is such a positive for so many people. Maybe they shouldn't be so greedy and make travel more affordable and then people would want to purchase their inferior product again. Because that's what it is, an inferior product.

There is no reason why we can't all coexist. Airbnb hosts and patrons alike should have clear and just legislation that recognizes it as a valuable entity. I am *not* in favor of higher housing costs or of landlords pimping out their properties instead of getting permanent tenants – but when casting your vote please consider people like me and others whose lives have been immeasurably changed by home-sharing in a positive and honest way.

Best,  
Katie Booth