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I started hosting Airbnb guests one year ago. I have never had any problems. My guests have always been very courteous to my neighbors and I have never had any complaints. Guests follow all my house rules including no smoking and no entertaining. Airbnb has helped me to supplement my income, and make improvements on my home. Since I live in a desirable community close to shopping, theater and bus lines most of my guests prefer to walk. Parking has never been an issue. I do have parking in my driveway if they decide to rent a car.

My guests have included the following:

1. Student from San Diego taking acting classes at UCLA (3 days)
2. Medical student intern from Georgia doing a two month rotation
3. A student from China here to study English (one month)
4. A writer working on a long term TV project (4 months and still with me)

I have hosted foreign students for 2 decades but I now prefer Airbnb because I have the ability to screen my guests before accepting them.

I support any ordinance or policy that allows shared housing. As a social worker I have learned that many people who are temporarily unemployed or going through a financial hardship have rented to Airbnb guests to help them meet their rent or mortgage obligations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pamela Frerichs
Comstock Avenue

Dear Mr. Koretz,

I am a single mother of tow educated sons and the owner of my condo. My son was in college and accepted as an exchange foreign student in Europe. Due to cover my expenses I decided to rent his room to student who comes to US as a foreign exchange students from Europe as well. Then one of my student told me would be easier for me if i sing up with Airbnb site to accept student. Therefore she helped me to become a member of Airbnb. Ever since I kept doing renting my room to the students who comes from abroad for taking courses from UCLA. My place is very close and convenience for them to get to school. Also is accessible and easy for them to go any where they like to. I love my students And very happy , secure with Airbnb site. For these 3 years I have been member with this site did not have any problem or issue with my neighbors.

Best,

Mona Malek

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Steve Goodrich, and my wife and I own a home at 1922 Comstock Avenue in Los Angeles. Our next door neighbor, Pam has been renting out a small apartment on the ground floor of her house. The entrance to that apartment is directly adjacent to our home, so we are aware of the comings and goings of her tenants. Pam is an excellent landlord. She has been extremely considerate in communicating to us when tenants change, and has solicited our feedback on how things are going.

Her tenants have been courteous and polite. We have young children, and have experienced no issues with rude or disruptive behavior. Our experiences with Pam's apartment and her tenants have been extremely positive and we fully support those activities.

Steve