

Dear Councilman Jose Huizar,

When my husband lost his job and my hours were cut back at my own job, we understood we were in financial trouble. We were having difficulty paying our mortgage and other bills, so much so, that we found ourselves having to choose between either paying the mortgage or having enough to eat.

After depleting our savings, we knew we had to do something in order to survive. After much searching, we discovered home sharing and it allowed us to stay afloat and later get back on our feet. Furthermore, not only has it benefitted us, it has also benefitted local businesses. Our guests come to stay and spend their dollars at the local markets, restaurants, beauty salons, coffee shops, and clothing stores right here in Highland Park. Another great plus is that as Los Angeles hosts, we take the time to maintain, beautify, and improve our homes and neighborhoods to better represent Los Angeles and continue attracting more tourism dollars.

As constituents, we strongly support City Council's effort to write fair legislation that preserves home sharing here in Los Angeles.

Respectfully,  
Ann-Marie And Emeric Garamvolgyi