

Dear councilmember Mike Bonin!

I am in favor of home sharing.

I am a local piano teacher. I teach from home based studio registered with the city of Los Angeles as Studio Piano Play. My income fluctuates because in the nature of my business is that it has summer, spring and winter breaks and students get ill or travel periodically.

I live in the area not regulated by rent control and my rent has increased \$200 in the last 2 years and will continue to increase. Relocation would cost me my student base, because my students are required to come to me.

Airbnb benefited my effort to lower my cost of living. In alternative to get a room mate my plan was to rent one room 3-4 days per month or every other month.

I could retain my privacy in return to paying taxes on income earned through renting through Airbnb.

I have enjoyed having guests and have met them all. People that stay at my place are prescreened by Airbnb and approved by me. I enjoy being exposed to different cultures. So far I have met a young couple from Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Denmark, Belgium, Poland, Australia, some nice people from the East coast but also the locals in between the apartments. Some of my guests were vacationing, some were attending a wedding, some were on the short term job contract, some were just traveling the world or staying for few days on the trip from the East coast to their native Australia, some were here to exhibit their art, study or relocating to the neighborhood because of the new job. All of my guests were nice, peaceful people. Their questions and needs ranged from closeness to the airport, closeness to the son they were visiting, closeness to the beach, closeness to the bus and banks, closeness to the freeway, a place to stay the night as the traffic prevented them from reaching their destination, closeness to work place and a plug for the electric car. They all went shopping and/or visited local restaurants giving local business a boost. They were out and about and came to the room just to sleep.

I find Airbnb to be a perfect solution to my concern about fluctuating income and privacy. I also recognize the benefit it brings to the local small business.

Kind regards,
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