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Esteemed city council members:

I am writing to express my support of City Council's efforts to draft sensible legislation regarding home sharing. This is such an important step in the right direction, as home sharing is not just a fad and has helped hundreds of individuals like us. Specifically, home sharing has helped my husband and me afford to live in the community, historic Highland Park, that we do. We love our community, but with high mortgage payments, taxes, and the necessary home repairs for our 1905 Victorian, it is hard to stay in this gentrifying neighborhood.

Opening our home to guests has made it more affordable to remain here, and we are so grateful for that opportunity. Numerous Air BnB guests have stayed with us, and we have had wonderful experiences. It has allowed us to understand other cultures, with individuals coming to stay with us from all over the globe. Many have reciprocated our openness, inviting us to stay with them. We have been very grateful for the opportunities that this has provided us and hope that sensible legislation will allow for continued success.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Kate Havens

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Dear Councilman Buscaino,

Airbnb has been a blessing and a joy. I have been a host, here in San Pedro and a guest in several other cities.

This grass-roots experience has been exciting, safe, interesting and enriching.

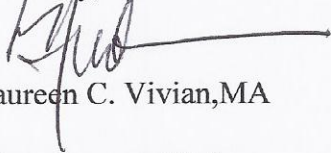
I am writing to you in strong support of Airbnb and it's positive impact on my life and the life of those with whom I have stayed. I continue to stay in hotels when I choose and they offer a completely different experience which I continue to value. Yet, the Airbnb experience is it's own and I value it for completely different reasons.

House-sharing is nothing new and will not disappear. Airbnb provides a safe, clear and transparent platform for a wonderful non-hotel experience. It is not in competition with the hotels but rather a mainstreaming of an already existing housing option.

I ask that you support Airbnb and do all that you can to allow them to continue, indeed flourish, for the diversity and richness they offer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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