

Dear Tom Labaonge,

My name is Scott Douglas. I am writing with urgency that you consider passing legislation that protects home sharing.

Home-sharing is unique. Services like Airbnb, Uber, and other sharing economy sites service the denizens of Los Angeles, and in particular where I live in Hollywood. By allowing these services The County of Los Angeles can actually save money while providing an increase in lifestyle to it's people.

To turn a phrase, "The rent is too damn high" I spend approximately 45% of my net income on rent. For this I get a 650 sq.ft. one bedroom apartment with a refrigerator. A two bedroom in my building is almost \$3,100, or 90% of my net income. So why haven't I made a point yet, well frankly, I have but allow me to revisit and piece my puzzle together and tell you a story.

Companies like Airbnb provide a service for allowing me to take a vacation. Last year I used Airbnb to rent my apartment while I traveled to Europe. I was out of the country for 31 days, which means I would have needed to add \$4,400 to my vacation expenses, adding the \$3,100 plane tickets and then the conversion rate of approximately /.45 my \$1 is now worth just over half.

I saved every penny for an entire year, just to take a four week vacation. However, because of home-sharing I didn't worry about paying my rent so not only was I able to see Europe, but I was able to experience Europe; the food, the over ground and underground cultures, and off path museums and parks and districts unknown to most tourists.

The best thing Airbnb has allowed me to do was start the beginning to the rest of my life. The money I had saved was used to purchase an engagement ring that I designed. I proposed in France at the 100th anniversary of the Eiffel Tower.

Without Airbnb this wouldn't have been possible.

Sincerely,  
Scott Douglas

PS She said YES!

Hello and good day,

I am a constituent of councilman Huizar. I am writing to notify you that I am in full support of city council's effort to draft sensible home sharing legislation.

Many Thanks

Dear Councilman Huizar,

Thanks for the many ways in which you have helped created community on our Highland Park neck of the woods. Here's another way....Airbnb. We have folks from all over the world and even down the street (when they're fumigating) who have come to know, love and spend \$ in our beloved Highland Park. Our guests choose to stay with us because they're not "hotel" style tourists. They also desire the more personal experience of staying in our home and wish to stay in a "regular" neighborhood not in a hotel in a corridor. Essentially, Highland Park has approximately 50-room motel spread throughout the neighborhood that is obscure to all because the guests are overwhelmingly well behaved and well supervised by their hosts. The revenues we have generated have almost all been re-invested to reinvigorate our property. We welcome reasonable regulation to make airbnb an even more stable partner in creating flourishing communities in Los Angeles.

Thank you,  
Chris E.