

Dear Council--Member Huizar,

As a registered voter who voted for a certain Huizar in the last election I must say that home sharing is of a dynamic economic benefit to the community. My small, local businesses see an increase in revenue, which then cycles out to keep economic growth happening. Everyone wins -- the guests see the city through the eyes of a local, they pump money into the local economy, and hosts are able to spend more money, (on goods and services), and then there's the whole "people from different cultures coming together" aspect -- which has a profound, beneficial impact on all involved.

Thank you,

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Chauncey Brambach,  
Constituent

May 22, 2015

Dear Councilmember Mike Bonin:

I am Monica Zhang and I am a single mother living in West LA and I want share with you how home sharing has helped me.

I moved to Los Angeles four years ago from China because my daughter had heart problems and I wanted my daughter to have a better quality of life and get quality treatment for her heart surgery.

Now, my daughter is at UC Irvine and I want to stay close to her but juggle various gigs such as background, video shoots, and driving on Uber and home sharing to survive. I choose to stay in West Los Angeles because Los Angeles allows me to survive by picking multiple jobs. It is very difficult for me to find a job because my English is not very good, I am nearing the age of 50, and one ear is deaf.

The money made sharing my home supports me survive; in addition pay for my daughter's college tuition, her bills, and her rent.

I share my daughter's room and she uses it when she visits me in Los Angeles during her school breaks. I am a hard worker and struggled when I came to Los Angeles and I do not want visitors to experience the tough times like I did. I try to make it enjoyable and give my guests drinks and pick them up at the airport. Most of my guests are students who go to UCLA. I believe in hard work and persistence. Home sharing on Airbnb is not an easy way to make money but it is the only way for me to make money. I put in hard work and go the extra mile for my guests to feel welcome and happy.

It gives me hope and opportunity to survive and start my life in Los Angeles and stay close to my daughter. Please consider a law that will continue to help me rent our room easily.

Thank you very much,

Monica Zhang

Subject: Support of Home Sharing

To the office of Councilman Krekorian Re: file no. 14-1635.

I am writing to express my support of home sharing in LA. I know the council is considering regulations on home sharing in LA, and I would like to share with you my story for consideration. Please take my experiences into account as you move forward.

We have lived in our house for the past 9 years. We have 3 kids under 14, one with special medical needs. When he was diagnosed 3 years ago, one of us had to be available to take care of him so I left my full time job and started my own business working from home. We took a big financial hit because of the lost income and the medical expenses and we were really struggling to make ends meet especially paying the mortgage.

We were facing foreclosure when we were introduced to the home sharing concept by a friend and it completely changed our situation. With the money we earned sharing our home, we were able to keep our home, and I was able to continue working from home and take care of our son. It has greatly improved the quality of our family life.

If there is any other information I can provide, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will look forward to favorable results and I hope that home sharing will continue to be allowed in the city of LA.

Thank you for your time and consideration.