

Dear Councilmember Herb Wesson,

When I first moved to LA 15 short years ago I was apartment hunting, stuck in traffic on Crenshaw Boulevard I took a quick right hand turn on an unknown street and found a community called Lafayette Square driving through I decided to park and explore this magnificent neighborhood fantasizing about living in a community like this 10 years later it happened my hard work, luck and persistence paid off and I bought my dream home.

Chapter 2 Renovations now that I bought a home built in 1922 where to get the funds for restoration thought about being a landlord and having a tenant but had some really bad luck in the past, then I thought of home sharing a service I had used in the past when traveling alone.

Chapter 3 First room I started with was the on first floor with its own entrance and bathroom (guess this used to be the maid's room back in the day) as soon as this was finished and the rest of the house was still in shambles, I started hosting and every dollar I earn after taxes of course...goes right back into this fabulous money pit I'm so proud to call home.

Chapter 4 Being a host and now a superhost has been so rewarding not just financially but an ongoing learning experience meeting people from all over the world, learning about their cultures and enlightening them on ours a couple from Saudi Arabia to an actress traveling on tour with Les Mis, to college grad studying for his GRE and even a couple who came back to have their wedding reception here. It is so gratifying to read the reviews people have written about their stay and how happy they were with my restaurant and shopping recommendations.

Yes home sharing is a lot of work but the benefits for all involved has been a tremendously rewarding experience and I know I could not have done it without opening my door to some extraordinary guests many who have become friends across the globe.

Thank You for your time

Home Sharing Host