

Dear Miguel Vargas,

I am a member of the Northeast community who is a happy home sharer in Highland Park. I think it is an overall massive benefit to our community and even our entire world! Folks from Denmark, Germany, France, Canada, Singapore, Korea and NYC!!! have stayed with us this summer and gotten to know us and Northeast LA. These guests got to explore a real LA neighborhood and spend MONEY right here eating green mole at Antogitos Guerrero. How cool is that!?! The peace of our neighbors as well as their parking spots remained unmolested during these visits. The income has been largely invested in the upkeep of our home (We have been able to add solar and gray water systems) and our own ability to dine out and enjoy all our neighborhood has to offer. We love it!

My partner and I travelled to Portland Oregon, this summer, where we stayed in a backyard cottage and explored, ironically, "Northeast" Portland. We paid Portland occupancy tax as they have an agreement with airbnb. We should do the same here in LA. People who want to stay in a hotel in downtown Portland can and that's great. But, we would way rather hang out in a real neighborhood drinking local neighborhood beer. This is the same sentiment of our guests, through airbnb, from Grenoble, France. They will forever treasure their mole memory of NELA.

Overall, this is a very good thing. Together, with sensible regulation, let's make it even better....

Yours, very sincerely,
Chris Evans