

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilman, First off, I would like to take the time and thank you all for listening to me speak today. I was born in the San Fernando Valley and grew up in a middle class family. My parents made ends meet the best way that they could, and as the only child, they wanted to see me in a successful professional field. Although they've always supported anything that I wanted to do, deep down inside me, I know that it would break their hearts if I wasn't anything less than a lawyer, doctor, or anything cooperate. Growing up, I was athletic and played a lot of sports. Aside from that, I was creative and had a certain eye for details. At the end of my college semester, I decided to take a leap of faith and move out to Downtown LA on my own with no job lined up. I figured that I would somehow make ends meet by paying rent with the money that I saved up hustling throughout college, I would always resell sneakers, clothes or anything that were in supply and demand. Shortly after I moved out, I had the opportunity to dive into the world of Airbnb. I got to do something that I loved to do, which was to be creative, furnish a home and show my creative side to guests that were staying at my places. After doing this for 3 years now, Airbnb allowed me to pay for all my bills, exorbitant rent, especially here in Downtown LA, and pay off my loans. My parents recently told me something that I thought I would never hear for a long time, which was that they were proud of me, and what I was doing. I don't know what I would do without Airbnb today. Thankyou, Jeremy