

**Date 2/27/14**

Dear Board Members of the Community of Silverlake and or whom this may concern;

I am writing this concerned letter on behalf of many long time neighbors here in the small community of Silverlake CA. We are desperately seeking the help of someone to hear us out in desperate need and want of our streets back to family and friends. I understand that there is a growth of our control with many businesses and problems with parking for the residence. We are coming to a need of our parkings back to have available for our family and ourselves. I am wondering why you continue to approve restaurants with alcohol licenses with NO PARKING for there facility and more Cafes? This includes the business owners, there employess, and customers. There is an increase of violence in our community affecting the living of our neighbors disrespecting our streets, lights, stop signs, vandalisms, increase in drugdeals, invading our homes privacy. There have been many changes that need to be controled. People and neighbors are fighting for parking constantly now days. I REALLY NEED TO KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO to have our Residencial PARKING back and how we can work together to keep this a community and help to expand the PPD Block on Lucile Av. Another street will be Manzanita St across from Thomas Starr King Middle School. There are also many small businesses there on Fountain affecting the parking structure there as well. Also many Sunset businesses, employes and customers also park there and walk up sunset street.

Including the AirBnB is just an add to the crowdedness and parking problems making it worst. We see it all the time. PLEASE HELP THANK YOU.

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## URGENT CALL TO ACTION: LA CITY COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW REGARDING THE "SHARING ECONOMY" - Item #19 (CF 14-1593)

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**TO:** The Los Angeles City Council Economic Development Committee

**RE:** Motion (Wesson – Bonin – LaBonge) relative to an instruction to the Chief Legislative Analyst and City Administrative Officer to convene a working group of various City departments and stakeholder groups and prepare a comprehensive report on the “Sharing Economy.” (Also referred to Planning and Land Use Management Committee)

**FROM:** Lewin Wertheimer, long time Venice Resident and local Architect

It is crucial that the Economic Development work-group be a diverse group, made up not only of proponents of the “sharing economy,” but also includes those who are interested in the protection of rent control, the quality of life in residential neighborhoods, labor union issues and other aspects of living a safe and viable existence in Los Angeles. The creation of common sense, safety and risk management regulatory structures is the appropriate way to support new technologies, innovators and entrepreneurs.

The newly drafted Economic Development Motion now before the Los Angeles City Council is of great concern. In reviewing this Motion, I am concerned that it is worded vaguely enough to be an opportunity to consider legalizing currently illegal activities without carefully evaluating what should be considered with regard to legalization, regulation, implementation and enforcement.

Of greatest concern is the instructions to the “working group,” which instruct only that the benefits of the “sharing economy” be examined and addressed in the Comprehensive Report and ignore any analysis of the potential adverse economic, fiscal, and social impacts. It would be a disservice to Los Angelinos if the opportunity to explore, analyze and understand not only the benefits, but the serious economic issues and potential adverse impacts of the so-called “sharing economy” were not included in this analysis.

Also excluded is any mention of an examination of the financial injustices of the “sharing economy,” including but not limited to, the potential erosion of the quality of life and fabric of neighborhoods. The impact of short-term rentals on rent controlled housing needs to be examined by the working-group, as does the permanent loss of affordable housing stock and long-term rentals and multi-family and single family dwellings that are rapidly being withdrawn from the housing market.

I believe the term “sharing economy,” as it is currently being practiced, is both a misnomer and a euphemism. Companies like Airbnb use the language of “sharing” to conceal ambitions that are far more self-serving. This model advocates sharing of resources. Profits, however, are privatized.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the above matter.

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