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Dear Councilmembers. as you begin your gigantic task of preparing your comprehensive report on the "sharing economy" I urge you to remember that this broad term actually refers to lots of very real people like me. I am a retired home-owner and I am so lucky to be living in a great community. Venice. Venice also happens to be a place that many people from around the world want to visit too. By sharing my home with some of these visitors I am able to purchase more things that I might otherwise not be able to afford. I definitely eat out more often at my favorite local restaurants. which I also recommend to my guests. I am sure that when you

"follow the money trail" you will find that those of us who are renting out our spare bedrooms provide. between our own patronage and that of our guests. quite a strong support for our local neighborhood businesses.

As a home-owner I find that utilities and property taxes are always on the rise. In a "sharing economy". I can generate some extra income from something I have actually already worked and paid for - my home can now help me have a better retirement.

That is only the economic side. there is also a richness and depth of experience for both parties when one is visiting from far away. in a new and unfamiliar place. and the others open their own home to to provide a comfortable and warm experience - priceless!

And so. please. as you gather information. remember to gather it also from the hundreds of people whose lives are enriched in so many ways by the "sharing economy".