

The Honorable Mike Bonin
200 N. Spring St. #475
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Councilmember Mike Bonin:

I support of home sharing for Council File No. 14-1635-S2

I am a resident in Brentwood and am writing to you to urge you to support home sharing. I've used Airbnb to travel and I also share my home with people who visit Los Angeles. I've had a great experience so far and the income has helped me with making ends meet. I am currently working on a healthcare startup so the income from sharing my home has allowed me to focus on that.

Guests ask for my recommendations about where to go and what to do and I recommend places like Literati Cafe, Brentwood Country Club, and the Getty Museum.

I am aware that there are those against short term rentals, but urge you to support rules that do not ban the practice, but regulate this industry, not only for the benefit of people like me, but also to contribute to LA's economy.

The ability to share my home allows focus on healthcare startup and feel happy and secure in the knowledge I can manage my life financially without any other support.

Sincerely,

Andrew Schremp

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RE: Council File No. 14-1635-S2

Dear Councilmember Mike Bonin,

I am writing to urge you to support home sharing in the anticipation of the draft ordinance that will be released soon.

I live in Mar Vista with my husband and we love living in this place we call home for the last 18 years. In 2014, we were financially strapped, both our children were preparing to go to college, and our business was not doing well. I was getting ready to sell our home until my husband suggested we share our guestroom to travelers. The next day, together, we cleaned up the space and listed it, it's been not only working, but it's changed our lives and we're able to save the home that we love.

Not only has the money helped us get back on our feet, we've cultivated and created great relationships with our guests. Our most memorable guests is a couple from England who got engaged during their first trip to LA and stayed with us. Now they come back every year to celebrate their anniversary and said they hope to bring their children with them one day. Our doors are always open for them!

I understand the complexities of the issues that have arisen and I do believe that all hosts should be proactive about vetting guests and make sure their neighborhoods remain safe. I, too, am an active participant of the crime stoppers in Mar Vista and have frequently attended meetings. I understand the neighbor's concerns and I want them to feel better about home sharing. In light of that, platforms like Airbnb do a really good job about verifying ID's.

The ability to share my home allows me to keep my property, and feel happy and secure in the knowledge I can manage my life financially.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Estela Hamilton

Cc: Ms. Tricia Keane, Director of Land Use & Planning, CD11
Ms. Sharon Dickinson, Legislative Assistant, City of Los Angeles