

This is Penelope Lopez,

*I am a daughter of immigrants
a concerned resident of Lincoln Heights,
a senior student of CalStateLA,
a representative of Lincoln heights neighborhood council of area at large 1,
active in the tech communities,
and known as one of the CyberCode Twins*

I support the sharing economy, especially home sharing. You should as well. Here are the 3 reasons why I support home sharing.

1) It saved my parents' home.

My parents were given a predatory loan. They only have sufficient income to pay for interest only during the recession. Countrywide was their mortgage but then it got bought out by Bank of America and this forces my parents to have a 80/20 mortgages as bank of america gave the 20% mortgage to an investor that was charging my parents high interests up to 12%. We tried homesharing thru Airbnb for the last 2 years and it saved my parents' home as it help pay off a majority of their second mortgage loan and hopefully will be able to refinance their mortgage in a few months, which I am proud for my parents on reaching their goals.

2) Home sharing gave us additional and stable income for our family which allows my twin and I to pursue a higher education to help others.

Not only we were attending college at the time, but also to explore the opportunities in our growing tech communities. We were able to go to hackathons in the weekends in Pasadena, Santa Monica, Palo Alto, Las Vegas, and more. This brought attention that twin students from east LA are kicking butt in tech world. This also gave us time to volunteer to help out Girls Who Code, Urban TXT, CTRL LA, LA's Best, and other organizations. People can relate to us as they see us being their local role models in our communities.

We help in our communities by getting involved in the neighborhood council to provide solutions for communications, transportation, and other problems on what kind of tech can do solve those issues.

Now, my sister, America attends Galvanize to become a full stack engineer in San Francisco because of our involvements in hackathons and kept hearing about the CyberCode Twins through their networks. They provided scholarships that covered 75% of the tuition for America. Also with the help our communities as they wanted to see her succeed. It helps that the income we make from home sharing helps provide for our family in case there were surprises on our bills and maintenance costs. Remember, there is less than 3% of Latinos in the startup world. 1% for Latinas. At least that

what we learned from the Leaders of Fast Track where we were invited to Stanford's conference.

3) If you are worried about hotels protesting about airbnb even more, they can always book their listings on airbnb. Here is a link from fastcompany about hotels:

TO FILL THEIR ROOMS, HOTELS ARE TURNING TO AIRBNB

http://www.fastcompany.com/3054570/behind-the-brand/to-fill-rooms-hotels-are-turning-to-airbnb?partner=socialflow&utm_content=buffer7fc14&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer

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Dear Los Angeles City Council,

I am staying, or have stayed, in Los Angeles through the use of a vacation rental during the following dates

10/14/2015 to 10/17/2015.

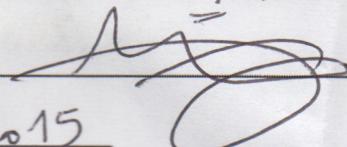
I am personally concerned that you would be trying to ban this industry rather than to place fair regulations upon it. Because of my rental I was able to (check all that apply):

- Travel for business at a fair cost
- Travel for vacation at a fair cost
- Able to visit family I would normally not be able to visit
- Attend a city function I wouldn't have normally been able to attend
- Have more money to spend during my travels
- Visit Los Angeles for possible re-location

I did also book my rental with a company that has collected Transient Occupancy Tax and has remitted it to you. I feel I am a responsible guest and that I was well informed of my property rules upon my arrival. I was met at the door, I was asked to sign a rental agreement with all property rules, and I was notified of my rentals manager contact information (which was located in the building I am renting).

I do hope you will pass fair regulations for short-term rentals in this grand city.

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Traveler Name Signed: 

Date Signed 10/17/2015

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10/6 to 10/15

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Date Signed 15/10/2015