

Dear Council-member Jose Huizar,

I am a full time law student with a part time job, and I volunteer when I can. This obviously keeps me busy. However, I am not from Los Angeles and take the time to travel home to see my family whenever possible. Home-sharing through AirBnb has allowed me to earn supplemental income to cover my living expenses and has allowed me to travel when my schedule permits.

When you're a full time law student, the American Bar Association only allows you to work a maximum of twenty hours per week. That isn't a lot of time to earn supplemental income, nor do employers typically pay high wages to employees who can only work up to twenty hours per week. When I found out about AirBnB it only made sense for me to begin hosting when I was away. I love living in downtown Los Angeles and I was right in assuming people love to visit and stay in downtown whenever in the city. Again, the money earned has helped me cover the high cost of living in Los Angeles while being able visit family and pursue other interests.

In short, I fully support responsible legislation that makes Los Angeles an example home-sharing economy. I believe there are certain measures that should be put in place to treat the city, home-sharing platforms, hosts, and guests fairly, and I believe those measures could be beneficial for all. If for any reason you would like to learn more about my experience regarding hosting and the home-sharing process I'd welcome the conversation.

Regards,

Joss Tillard-Gates

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Andrew Stubinski

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Los Angeles City Council

Members and Staff of the City Council of Los Angeles:

My name is Andrew Stubinski and I have been a resident of the Westwood area since 2007. The city council has been holding hearings and doing studies on thriving home share economy in Los Angeles, and I am very concerned about the direction that the council seems to be leaning.

I am an advocate of home sharing, I find it to be a very positive experience not only for myself, but for my neighbors as well. I have been a host in the past. I was out of work for a time last year, and home sharing went very far in terms of helping me make ends meet, but that's just my personal story.

I also found it to be very beneficial to the Westwood community. Very frequently, when I had guests staying with me, I would be asked to make recommendations for local businesses (grocery stores, restaurants, dry cleaning, all sorts.) I was able to drive customers into our local businesses with my recommendations.

Also, I would like to write you a bit about the quality and character of the guests I have had. To an individual, all have been quiet and respectful, just the sort of people you would like to have as neighbors. I live very close to UCLA, and a majority of the people who have stayed with me were prospective students and parents making campus visits, as well as parents of existing students visiting their children. UCLA is constantly looking for housing options. For many students, home sharing is a viable, even desirable, choice.

I have also hosted visiting lecturers and people who were in the area to make use of the world-famous UCLA Medical Center facilities. Many of these individuals were there for intensive procedures which required them to stay local for a longer period of time, but a hospital stay would either be too expensive or too cold and impersonal to manage for such a period of time.

I also have had a number of people who visit for business reasons and would like to be close to Century City. Again, these are people who are very non-disruptive, and whose net effect is only to bolster the local economy.

Please take my opinion and experiences into serious consideration when deliberating the upcoming vote in city council. Myself and all of my fellow hosts in the Westwood area will be very interested in the outcome. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Stubinski', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Stubinski

Dear Councilman Bonin,

Our family live in Los Angeles and we host on Airbnb . I am writing to ask you to help draft a clear and fair legislation.

For hosts, home sharing allows Californians to turn what is typically one of our greatest expenses into an asset to have additional income to pay bills and help make ends meet.

Airbnb provides unique opportunities for travelers to find safe, clean and affordable local accommodations and generates sustainable economic impacts that support large and small businesses across the state.

These guests support a great range of businesses from airline companies, entertainment industry, restaurants down to the local coffee shops. They bring much needed capital to fuel the local economy that otherwise would not.

People who use AirBnB and similar sites, travel solely due to its affordability and would not be competing with hotels as they would not be able to afford similar accommodations 2 to 3 times the rates found on AirBnB and other similar sites.

. Our family and other participants welcome guests from all over the world to Los Angeles. All of the guests who have stayed with us have contributed to the local economy.

I urge you to represent people like me when you are writing the final legislation on short - term rentals. ...

Regards;

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