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Last week, the Berkeley City Council voted in favor of a new ordinance that will make it complicated and difficult for people to share their homes on platforms like Airbnb. It will require our host community to go through a confusing and onerous registration process. And it will ban hosts from using extra space in their homes such as a garden apartment or in-law unit, denying many hosts the ability to make ends meet with extra room in their house.

The good news is, Berkeley has a chance to do it right the first time. The city council votes again on June 14. With so much at stake, our community needs to make sure our voices are heard and that we change this ordinance for the better.

[Email The City Council Today](#)

Compliance should be easy - not a multi-step process involving multiple city departments. And it should be able to happen online. These types of complicated rules have not worked in other cities and in many of those places, lawmakers have had to amend their laws. Many people depend on Airbnb in Berkeley. As a major university town, allowing short-term rentals helps accommodate events, big games, graduations, parents' weekends, summer internships and summer school programs, research studies, and student exchanges. And by keeping travelers and the money they spend in Berkeley, local hosts have a new way to make ends meet and small businesses throughout the city can benefit from visitor spending.

[Email the city council now to encourage them to support home sharing.](#) Thank you for being part of our community.

Sincerely,  
The Airbnb Action Team



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