

Dear Mayor Faulkner

The purpose of this letter is to communicate with you regarding a subject matter of significant importance. I am a twenty-six years old registered nurse of four years native of the state of Indiana. My ambition and aspirations have led me to seek licensure in the state of California and relocate to San Diego. My travels are typically scheduled tightly with employment meetings and orientation classes which allows for practically no time to be a tourist. In recent years, and invaluable resource has been created for individuals such as myself to attain affordable lodgings for work trips.

AirBnB allows homeowners to connect with traveling individuals to provide them affordable lodging in residential environments. It is not designed with tourism in mind. The a large portion of the individuals that utilize the service are professionals like me, working through the relocation process after obtaining a job. The homeowners of AirBnB allow professionals to concentrate on their work and relocation process by sharing their homes.. To require them to pay "tourism" tax is an injustice that negatively impacts both the homeowner and travelers. It discourages homeowners from opening their homes to individuals who would otherwise visit San Diego and spend generous amounts of money in the city thus contributing to the city's tax revenues.

I support AirBnB.com and the people that make it happen. I urge you and the politicians of San Diego to not charge tourism tax to the transactions that occur on AirBnB between homeowners and travelers. It is not tourism!

Sincerely

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