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Dear Mayor Faulconer,

In February, 2014, I visited San Diego for a ten day cycling vacation. I was travelling on my own, so using AirBnB to rent a room in someone's house was far preferable to staying by myself in a hotel room, which can feel a bit isolating. Other important benefits were access to kitchen facilities, relatively low cost for a long-term stay, talking with the host about San Diego and different ways to experience the region, and also staying in a residential area that was very accessible and safe for bicycle travel. If I had stayed in a motel or hotel I likely would have spent less time in the region before moving on. As it was, during my stay with the AirBnB host, I felt like a part of the community for the short time I was visiting. In future visits to the region, I will be using AirBnb, and hope that the service is able to remain economically viable and competitive with traditional accommodation providers.

Yours Sincerely,

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