

If we take some time to compare the experiences a host has with a guest, and experiences a landlord has with a tenant...

Most often the review of the guest from the host is very positive. The guest takes care of the house, they notify the host of any concerns and they pay the host promptly. The experience is very positive as the guest is wanting good reviews from the host. The host in return or in anticipation of the guest, keeps the house and property functional, responds promptly to the guests concerns, and welcomes the guest back. The host then cleans the house after the guest leaves by making it very presentable for the next guest. The host does this so they have good reviews from the tenant.

The relationship between the landlord and tenant is much the opposite. The tenant complains to the landlord, doesn't take care of the property, leaves it a mess, breaks and damages the property, and sometimes doesn't pay. Most of these problems result in a visit to the landlord tenant board. The board has been created by the province to handle the mass volumes of concerns between landlords and tenants. The landlord of the tenant doesn't want to spend the money on the house as they feel the house is going to get damaged again. This frustrates the tenant and then everybody is back at the landlord tenant board. Further a tenant has a legal right to stay the length of their term. This tenant may be loud and cause disruption in the neighbourhood. The city of London has no grounds to evict this tenant and this tenant further upsets other neighbours. However, the city of London has not proposed a tax on these tenants or landlords to help "protect the neighbours and neighbourhoods" as stated by Hubert. Why? If it is the case that a tax will do that, why are they not targeting the tenants and landlords which hold a much greater populous than the air bnb hosts. Would this not generate more revenue as this seems to be a cash grab by the city.

Lastly, as illustrated above, the Airbnb concept and model works and works well. If you do get a bad guest they are out the next day. If you get a bad tenant you are stuck with them for a good year. And the neighbours are stuck with that tenant as well.

The Airbnb tax discourages the air bnb model in London. This discouragement is backward thinking from the city of London. Many people come to London and use Airbnb. This tax will affect them too. To move the city forward we need forward thinkers not backward status quo operators

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