



Driver Stories - In Their Words

More than 119,000 drivers and growing are providing essential services as independent contractors: Read their stories on why they drive.

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Hundreds of people depend on my service to get around - Yes on 22 saves all that

I am a 77-year-old man, I had driven a semi for 45 years, 3 years ago I busted both my shoulders and can no longer drive a truck. I have a handicapped wife at home and we depend very heavily on my earnings from Lyft. I

also know that hundreds of people depend on my service to get around. Yes on 22 saves all that and keeps me employed.



David S.

Lyft

San Diego, CA



Driving for Lyft is the best job for me because I get to set my own hours

Before the pandemic, I was working for Instacart and driving for Lyft. I couldn't handle Instacart because it's too much on my feet. Lyft is the most perfect job in the world for me due to my health issues. I can't sit for very long or stand for very long. I've had six strokes in two years. I have a heart monitor implanted in my heart. I have a few more elements as well. Driving for Lyft is the best job for me because I get to set my own hours, make my own money, get paid instantly and not work if my body does not allow me to for that day, or for up to one

week to a month. I'm also in the hospital a lot due to my health issues so that would not allow me to have a regular job. When I have my strokes, I have to re-learn to walk, talk, and see again. I only wish Lyft had been around when I first started working at the age of 16 years old. I have never been able to hold down a job until now! I am a retired child care provider of 30 years...I need Lyft! California needs Lyft!



Mia G.

DoorDash,
Instacart
San Diego, CA



Thankful for the ability to be able to make money in this capacity

Being able to work as an independent contractor for Uber Eats has kept me afloat during this pandemic. I am so thankful for the ability to be able to make money in

this capacity and would be devastated if this were no longer an option. Additionally, being able to rely on Uber and Lyft for safe transportation after having a night out or needing a ride to the airport has been extremely valuable, and I'm willing to do whatever it takes to keep these options available in California.



Arianna M.

Uber

San Diego, CA



Lo hago cuando tengo tiempo

Tengo trabajando cerca de tres años para ma ha sido uno de los mejores trabajos porque lo hago cuando tengo tiempo me siento bien y me gusta hacer mi trabajo yo creo que a todos nos da una gran oportunidad de trabajar el tiempo que uno quiera para poder ganar lo que uno quiera.

Rene L.



Uber, Lyft,
Postmates
San Diego, CA



**I support Proposition 22 because it
will protect my right to work**

I support Proposition 22 because it will protect my right
to work and the rights of many of my friends and
neighbors to make ends meet by doing app-based work.



Jamal A.
Uber, Lyft
San Marcos, CA



Uber has saved my ability to be a great dad

Choosing to become an independent contractor was the best thing I have ever done. 6 years ago I left my career and signed up as an Uber driver. It took a little while to understand how to make a living at it but I am now making a better living than when I was in my career. Most importantly, I can spend more time with my now 14 years old which is why I did it, to begin with. Uber has saved my ability to be a great dad.



Scott G.

Uber

Escondido, CA



It is hard to get a part-time job with flexibility



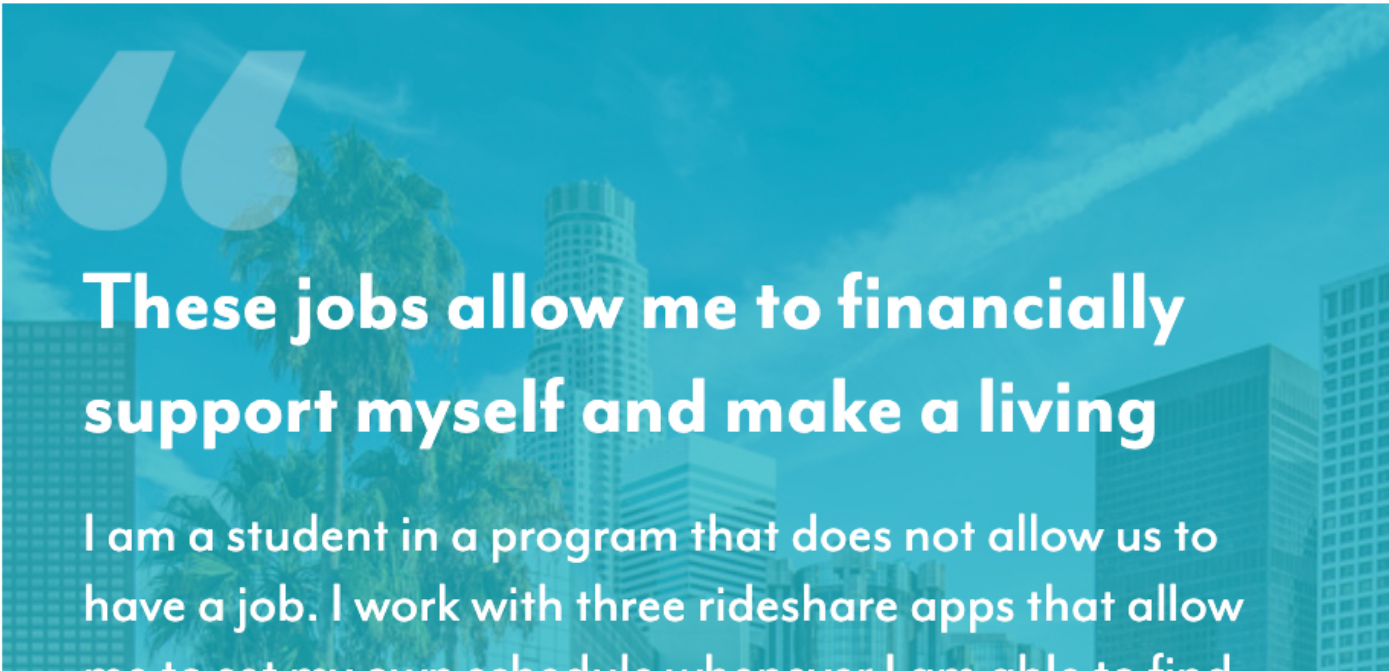
I became a driver and shopper during the pandemic to help my family earn more money because my husband's job cut back his hours. I love that I have this to fall back on. I work a full-time job as well. Plus I love to help people and allow them to stay home and slow down the spread of covid19. People need these jobs because there are so many people out of jobs it is hard to get a part-time job with flexibility.

Noelle K.



DoorDash,
Postmates,
Instacart
Solana Beach, CA

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These jobs allow me to financially support myself and make a living

I am a student in a program that does not allow us to have a job. I work with three rideshare apps that allow

me to set my own schedule whenever I am able to find some free time after studying. I depend on this job to pay my bills because I can't afford to do so otherwise. These jobs allow me to financially support myself and make a living. Being that I am already in debt with school, I need these opportunities to help me get by and pay my bills. People need these jobs.



Gabrielle R.

Uber, DoorDash,
Instacart
Calexico, CA



I'm allowed flexible hours to work when I can

I am a student-athlete in California who lives on my own and does not have the luxury to get a normal job. With DoorDash, I'm allowed flexible hours to work when I can, and it's only fair considering the schedule. Don't take away a job opportunity from a 19-year-old kid who

worries about having a meal to eat every night.



Eva C.

DoorDash

Chula Vista, CA



I work on around my daughter's school schedule

I am a single dad that is currently in school. I work on around my daughter's school schedule but with COVID, my daughter is out of school and I am also without means to work since my job let me go. With Postmates I'm able to drive for short periods, pay my babysitter for the day, and to go to school.

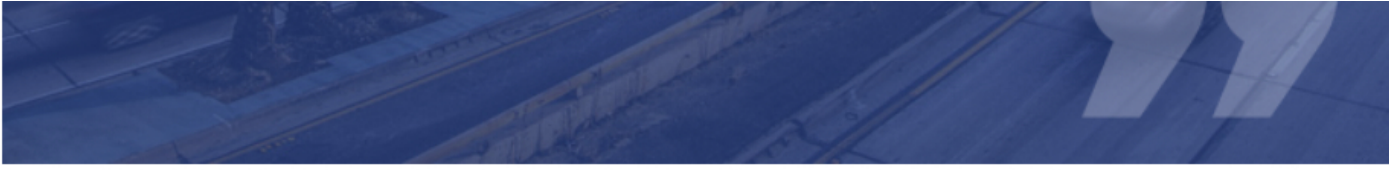


Paul G.

Postmates

Alpine, CA





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**Ready to continue helping neighbors
by doing all I can**

I am a proud Veteran in my community and am ready to continue helping neighbors by doing all I can. I like to dash around from time to time because I know it will benefit everyone by keeping people at home and limiting exposure to the new threat our country is facing. I hope everyone is safe and doing well and I know dash is a great fight against the virus by limiting people from going out.



Israel V.
DoorDash
Chula Vista, CA



DoorDash has been a lifesaver for me and my family

Hi, I'm Zoe. DoorDash has been a lifesaver for me and my family. Doing this job has helped me so much during these difficult times and has helped other people too. Shutting this down will hurt hundreds of people including the restaurants. This method of deliveries for

restaurants is one of the best things they have right now since this virus started everything changed and we are looking for the way to bring food and pay bills to our home. The customers feel much safer cuz they have other options to get some food or grocery into their homes. Also, the restaurant won't depend on how many customers might arrive cuz they have 2 ways to provide their services. So please, don't take this from us.



Zoenid T.

DoorDash

Oceanside, CA



DoorDash has been a lifesaver for my family

Hi I'm military spouse DoorDash has been a lifesaver for my family during any financial time. I have the opportunity to work a flexible schedule aside with my spouse's crazy schedule. Serving the country my role as a spouse is huge so having this advancement to sign up for

spouse is huge so having this advancement to sign up for work that fits in my life has been access in my life. We count on this as a source of income for our families risking our lives everyday driving exceptional services.



Vertine F.

DoorDash

San Diego, CA



It has been essential for me to have an additional part-time job

Hello, please do not do this! I am a single mother in the state of California. Not a cheap place to live. It has been essential for me to have an additional part-time job to make ends meet. DoorDash and other delivery services fulfill an essential need in their communities. The apps, at least DoorDash, is run incredibly well run. They are always striving to improve services not only for their customers but for their independent contractors. It is a Win-Win-Win and obviously, based in the enormous

acceptance of this service, by all parties, it is needed.
Especially for the elderly! Thank you! With Deepest
Respect, Dawn



Dawn J.
DoorDash
Encinitas, CA



No other job would offer as many opportunities

Hello, I am Bryan A. and I'm a senior at Mount Miguel High School. I have been seeking a part-time job to save up money for college and help with my household. I am currently committed to SDSU as I have received enough funds to pay for my first year and because it's my dream school. I wanted to work to save for books or any emergency without taking out a loan. Hearing about DoorDash made me wonder if it was worth and when trying it, it was totally worth it. I earn money when I can through DoorDash and I'm saving it all up when other

jobs aren't accepting or giving me a chance for not having experience. Me and my friend go together and split the money as a team and without pay, it would really hurt us because no other job would offer as many opportunities.



Bryan A.

DoorDash

San Diego, CA



Food delivery has been essential in this time

Food delivery has been essential in this time by allowing local restaurants to continue serving customers and have a business, by enabling families to spend money and stimulate the economy, by limiting the number of people outside who go to retrieve food items for the social distancing cause, and through select deliveries, I have done to the elderly and for family members who

wanted to help this vulnerable population during the pandemic.



Elizabeth C.

DoorDash,
Postmates
San Diego, CA



Flexibility is the best thing

Driving for Uber saved my life in many ways. Being a full-time student with no support, I wasn't able to work at a full-time job. Driving with Uber helped me to be my own boss make enough money to survive school and pay my bills. I love having my own schedule. Flexibility is the best thing with this job. Not only I made better money than working at a fast-food job, I also was able to improve my personality and be able to say "no" and take leadership in my own business. It helped me with my creativity and improved my communication skills with people. I love driving for Uber. Please don't take that away from me.



Tina A.
Uber
San Diego, CA



Driving and delivering on my own terms and schedule

Driving and delivering on my own terms and schedule has allowed me to earn good money while still caring for my 2 children and supporting my wife's needs. Don't mess this up for us, please!



Ben M.
Uber, Lyft,
DoorDash
Ramona, CA

Great for the community

DoorDash is my second job that helps me survive in this overpriced state. Plus it's great for the community where people can't get out of the house to go get their own food so I'm glad to do it for them. After every delivery, I am greeted with a smile and thanks.



Aaron N.
DoorDash
Huntington
Beach, CA

**Being an independent contractor
allows me to work when I can**

Being an independent contractor pulled me up out of five years of depression. After losing my job I worked at for 20 years and becoming homeless my life just stood still. If I weren't able to work when I can, I would still be sitting there lost in space. I had gotten carpal tunnel syndrome from working all those years. A regular job would not put up with me, having to take breaks, to rest my hands, when I'm in pain. Being an independent contractor allows me to work when I can, without the constant demand of a regular job. If I wasn't able to work when I can, work would be impossible for me.



Tamiko G.

DoorDash,
Postmates,
Instacart
San Diego, CA





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Helping my husband bring a little more income into the home

Being able to DoorDash is helping my husband bring a little more income into the home. We have 2 car payments and 3 children. Getting an actual 9-5 job somewhere is hard for me to do at this point. I know immunocompromised people who like to use DoorDash to order food so it's less contact they have with others.



Shyla M.
DoorDash
San Diego, CA



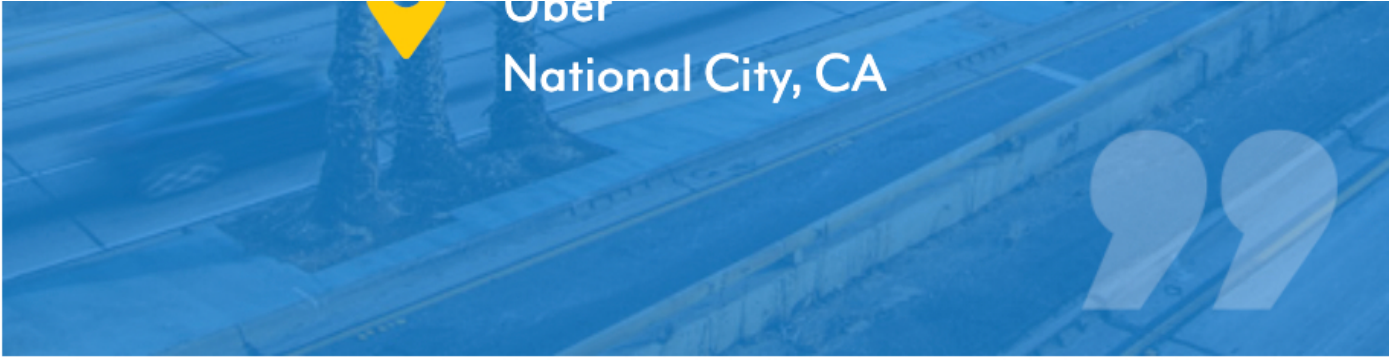
I myself am now dependent upon app-based drivers

Because of my age (78) and with diabetes, I am at risk and choose not to drive during the current pandemic. In other words, I myself am now dependent upon app-based drivers to deliver my food and medications, (etc). When I do drive, since I have taken special training classes on how to handle people with disabilities, I have transported blind individuals, amputees, wounded veterans, the aged with all types of disabilities, and even homeless adults and children who cannot afford public transportation or are handicapped to the point of being unable to use public transportation. How can they deny all these people the right to have access to the same facilities and amenities as the rest of the country? Who stands to benefit from this horrible law?

David R.



Libertarian



Uber
National City, CA



I depend on Postmates to make just enough

As an ex-con that has expunged his record, I've had a hard time finding good employment while every job I've obtained has robbed my hours and my ability to thrive. So in order to survive, I depend on Postmates to make just enough and with this pandemic not only do I help myself, I help others as well.



Miguel G.
Postmates
Chula Vista, CA



Gives me the flexibility to be there when my kids need me

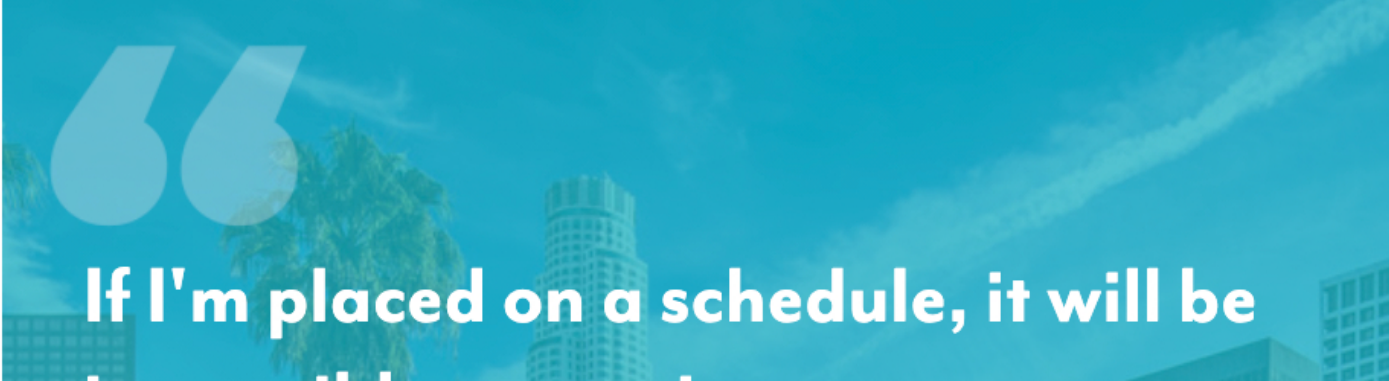
I have 2 kids still in the home. One is autistic and one has ADD. They need my time when they need it. I drive mostly while they are in school. Driving gives me the flexibility to be there when my kids need me. I also instruct a tots karate class in the evenings so I need to be available for that as well. I have a granddaughter that I travel to see. All these things are just part of the reason I drive with flexibility.



Monica A.

Uber, Lyft

San Diego, CA



If I'm placed on a schedule, it will be

impossible to continue

My name is Richard. I reside in the San Diego area of California. I have been employed with the County of San Diego for 13 years. Although I'm long-termed employed, my salary has not grown with the cost of living. Rents are astronomical here. Without ridesharing income, I would not be able to pay for my necessities. Things like rent, food, fuel, phone etc. Driving for rideshare has somewhat filled that gap. If I'm placed on a schedule, it will be impossible to continue. Uber and Lyft keep hundreds of potential DUIs from taking place!



Richard B.
Uber, Lyft
Vista, CA



I love the flexibility

I have a part-time job which leaves me with extra hours to be a driver for Postmates. I love the flexibility that I have to drive when I choose.

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Elizabeth O.

Postmates
San Diego, CA



My own time and my own flexibility

I love being able to drive for Lyft and Uber on my own time and my own flexibility. With being a full-time employee and full-time parent having the flexibility to turn on my app for an hour or two on my time is great and I love it.



Anthony B.

Uber, Lyft
Chula Vista, CA



Rideshare flexibility is very important

Rideshare flexibility is very important to me because as of now it's my only source of income while I look for a job. I depend on rideshare flexibility to pay all my bills. If that is taken away, I will not be able to support myself or my 19 year old college attending son.



Susan K.

Uber, Lyft

Chula Vista, CA



Flexibility is very important to me

I am a Lyft driver. Flexibility is very important to me because I have obligations such as mortgage and now another car payment. I am a part-time driver and doing

this to pay my expenses and support a family of four.



Bahram A.

Lyft

San Diego, CA

Rideshare driving gives me the opportunity to work on my schedule

Being retired I don't want a 9-5. Rideshare driving gives me the opportunity to work on my schedule, so as to be able to care for my grandkids while my son and his wife work long hours. If things change I don't know if I will be able to continue driving.



James M.

Lyft

San Diego, CA



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A great way to help me stay above water and pay the bills

I love the rideshare and delivery business! It has helped

me out tremendously with being able to feed and care for my 5 children. During this COVID outbreak, it was a great way to help me stay above water and pay the bills that were piling up.



Shacoisha D.

DoorDash,
Postmates,
Instacart
San Diego, CA



Someone has to help and I am willing and able

It feels great to know I can help people, to help them feel protected and to help get them the items they need or want without having to leave their homes. Someone has to help and I am willing and able.

Patti C.

Uber, Lyft



Uber, Lyft,
Postmates,
Instacart
Lakeside, CA



**In the last three days, I've taken two
nurses and two grocery workers to
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Richard M.
Uber
Vista, CA







Thomas P.
Rideshare Driver
San Diego, CA





Alfred P.

Rideshare Driver

La Jolla, CA



The flexibility is the best

I moved to California 20 years ago with my young child, fleeing an abusive spouse. As a single mom I have had to

work hard just to provide for us. I am proud to say I never took a penny from my now ex, nor a penny from anyone that I didn't earn. I worked long hours, two jobs at a time for years. When my second job ended three years ago after the company was closed, I turned to Uber. I love driving, love helping people, and I can work around my hectic day job. I am a forensic accountant by day, which can be very stressful. Driving relaxes me and lets me see more of San Diego than I would see otherwise. The flexibility is the best. I work around my schedule, around my family's schedule....and I can stay true to my code. I am a safe driver. The moment I start feeling tired, I am offline - done for the night! I can drive after work for a few hours or I can drive 8 hours on a Saturday. My choice. I don't need another 9-5 type of job, I need a part-time job that helps me pay all of my bills and buy groceries too!



Tricia K.

Uber, Lyft

San Diego, CA



Driving for Uber changed my life as far as being able to work and help people

As an Uber driver this was the best decision I ever made. Driving for Uber changed my life as far as being able to work and help people to get to their jobs early in the morning or help them get to a doctor's appointment. I even help people with Uber assist taking people home or to an appointment with special needs and they feel so grateful that I can help them with their wheelchair or assist them with care when they can barely move. This is so much appreciated by my riders that need assistance. Also, when riders were going to the airport daily they were grateful for being able to find an Uber driver so early in the morning because I started to drive almost every morning at 5:00am and almost every morning someone needed a ride to the airport.



Rafael Y.

Uber

Chula Vista, CA





I am able to work what I want to or need to, and choose to not drive when I can't

I started driving when my full-time job became a part-time position. At the same time, my daughter was diagnosed with autism and required additional assistance. App-based driving provided the stability for me to earn an income with both jobs while still working around my daughter's scheduling needs. As an independent contractor, I am able to work what I want to or need to, and choose to not drive when I can't. If we lose the independent contractor flexibility, I would lose my driving part-time income, as I could not work a set schedule around my family's needs and my primary day job which would mean I'd have to support my family of four on a minimum wage, part-time income. And that is why I support the initiative to protect app-based drivers and services.



Michael H.
Lyft, Instacart
Vista, CA



I love the flexibility of rideshare

I love the flexibility of rideshare because I have a special needs son. If there is an issue with him, I have the flexibility to finish my ride and run home to take care of whatever needs to be attended to.



David L.
Uber, Lyft
Huntington
Beach, CA

Driving now gives me so many ways

to help people

I was stuck in retail sales for many years - it was the only line of work I could get at a time when my family needed money to make ends-meet. My wife died in 2009 and retail no longer paid the bills adequately. Driving now gives me so many ways to help people... I also have time to write a blog for mental illness awareness and have started to market my book, both of these are memorials to my wife.



Charles C.
Uber, Lyft
San Diego, CA

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It has changed my life

I drive because my commute is 75 miles one way. Shortly after buying my house gas prices went up \$1 plus. I realized very quickly I was going to be homeless if I didn't do something so I began driving for Uber. I made \$1400 my first week. That money allowed me to make my next house payment before going 30 days past due. It has taken me a year but I have managed to get back on track and pay off some credit cards while contributing to my 401k at work. It has changed my life.



Thomas M.

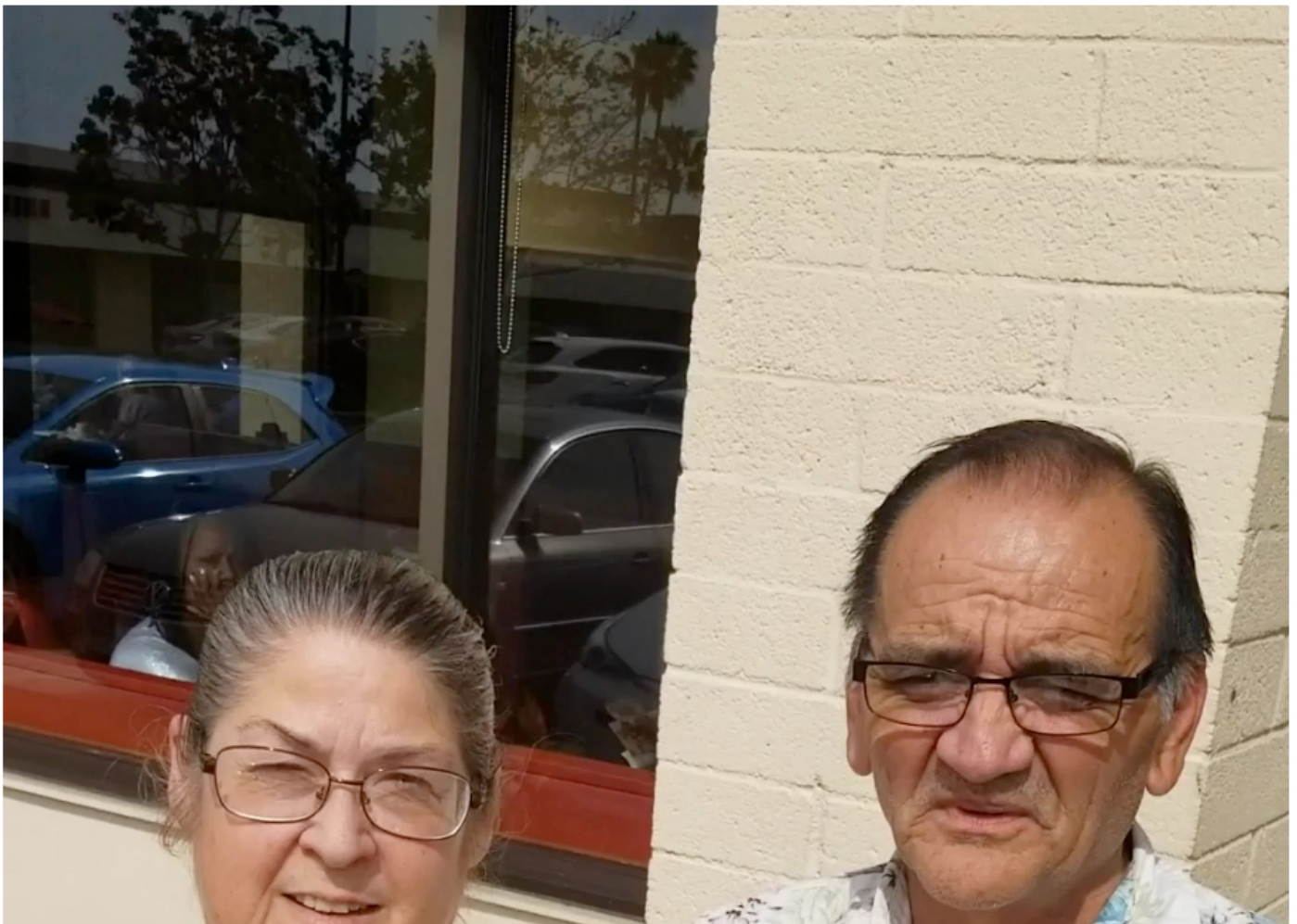
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Escondido, CA



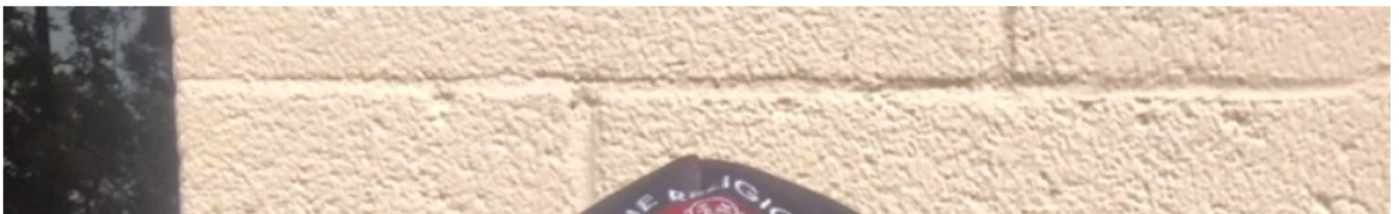


Michael A.
Uber, Lyft
Oceanside, CA





Katy L.
Lyft
San Diego, CA







Dirk L.



Uber, Lyft,
DoorDash
San Diego, CA



I need the flexibility

I'm a full time actress so I need the flexibility of leaving work for an audition. Being a Lyft driver is so convenient for me because I set my own hours and turn the app off on my terms. I can't express how much this flexibility means to me.



Cristyn C.

Lyft
San Diego, CA



I needed something that provided me with more flexibility

I used to work a full-time job, but I was never home with my children. So I needed something that provided me with more flexibility. Now our family has grown and getting an ordinary job is something that is more challenging because we don't have a babysitter for our children. I work when my husband gets home from his job. If it wasn't for Uber and Lyft, I honestly have no idea where the other half of the income that is needed monthly would come from. Lyft and Uber have been a real blessing and I hope it continues to be. In addition, when I was expecting, I knew maternity leave wouldn't be an option. Therefore, I saved as much as I could, I was able to give myself two months off from work, which was more than enough for me.

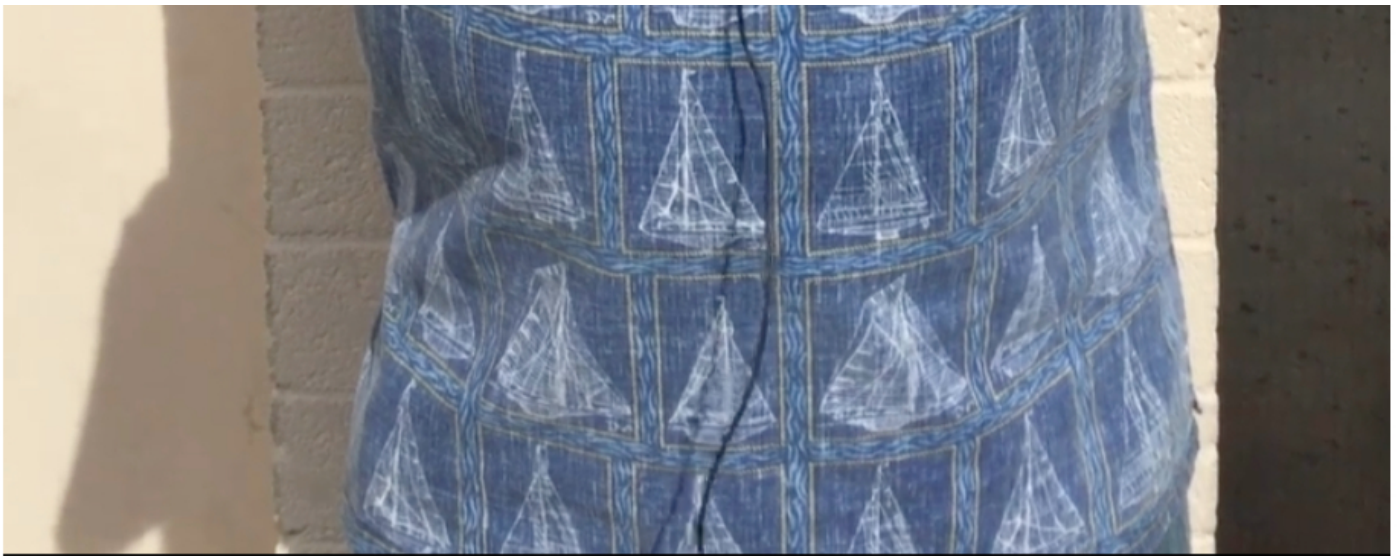


Evelyn D.

Uber, Lyft

San Diego, CA





Dominic

Uber, Lyft

San Diego, CA

Lyft helps me make the extra income to support my parents

I have a full-time job and driving for Lyft helps me make the extra income to support my parents who are living with me.



Jeana P.

Lyft

San Diego, CA



Flexibility is important to me

I am a full-time nursing student, as a nursing student there's not much time for myself, staying on top of my studying, going to my classes and doing my clinical rotations at the hospital take most of my time. With most of my time invested in my career there is not enough time for me to find a stable job that will accept my schedule. Books for my classes, online testing programs and everyday expenses including rent still need to be paid for. With the flexibility that some app-based rideshares and delivery providers, I am able to work whenever I have an open slot in my schedule. Flexibility is important to me because it is the perfect way to be able to work on my own time without compromising my studies and/or my future.



Benjamin B.

Lyft, DoorDash,
Postmates
El Centro, CA



La flexibilidad de ganar dinero extra cuando puedo para fortalecer mi ingreso

Mi nombre es Jose y soy part time driver for uber por 3 anos y medio. La flexibilidad de ganar dinero extra cuando puedo para fortalecer mi ingreso en mi tiempo disponible asi puedo pasar tiempo con mis hijos y la familia.sin esta flexibilidad, muchas cosas cambiarian.



Jose M.

Uber

National City, CA



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