PROJECT 1: Questions

a. An alternative system that verifies business licenses would be that listers request to Airbnb that they want to register their property for short term rental. From there, Airbnb is responsible for getting a policy number and confirmation code from the SFPO and that way Airbnb can take confidence that most of the interaction happened between them and not the user. One argument against this system is that it puts double the incoming messages and communication required on Airbnb.com's end because both the user requests them and SFPO sends them the approval and such. Another argument against this system is that forcing the user to wait for an assigned policy number, before completing registration is a negative experience for users because it breaks up the registration process too much.

b. How does race/ethnicity impact the likeliness that an individual experiences housing insecurity?

c. I think the biggest factor to consider when discussing the legality of web scraping is the reason behind it. For example, in the second article, the court decided that breaking website terms was constitutional because it was in order to protect free expression.

d. We should remain considerate of how publicly the data is perceived to be to the user, that way we have more indication of how much of a breach of privacy it may feel. Another guideline to keep in mind while web scraping is that it's better to not violate someone's privacy and just find another way to work around it.