



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Bradley A. Jensen
Director

September 9, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: SB 60 (Glazer) as amended August 23, 2021 – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Newsom:

The County of San Bernardino requests your signature on SB 60, which increases fines that cities and counties are allowed to impose on short-term rental hosts who violate local property rental laws.

Local governments in California need to have an effective penalty to deter habitual violations of short-term rental ordinances, which is a growing problem across the state. The most serious violations frequently include underage drinking, drug use, noise complaints, property damage and violence. Here in San Bernardino County, we received roughly 1,300 short-term rental related complaints from January to mid-June of 2021 and issued 51 citations over that same.

Under current law, cities or counties are authorized to levy fines for violations of short-term rental ordinances, however limits are imposed as to the amount for each infraction. For example, the first violation is capped at \$100, the second violation at \$200, and \$500 for each additional violation within one year of the first violation. These amounts are far too low to seriously deter frequent violators of short-term rental ordinances. SB 60 raises the maximum fines to \$1,500 for the first violation, \$3,000 for the second, and \$5,000 for each additional violation within one year of the first violation. This will improve the effectiveness of fines with the intent of deterring future violations of short-term rental ordinances.

For the above reasons, the County requests your signature on SB 60. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please contact Brad Jensen, Governmental and Legislative Affairs Director at (909) 387-4821 or Bradley.Jensen@cao.sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Hagman".

Curt Hagman
Fourth District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

cc: Honorable Steve Glazer
San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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