



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Robert Wunderlich, Mayor

October 6, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Governor's Office
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 60 (Glazer) Residential short-term rental ordinances: health or safety
infractions: maximum fines

City of Beverly Hills – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to write to you in **SUPPORT** of **SB 60 (Glazer)** and respectfully request you **SIGN** this bill when it comes before your desk. This bill would raise the maximum fines for violation of a local ordinance relating to a short-term residential rental that is an infraction and poses a threat to health or safety, to \$1,500 for a first violation, \$3,000 for a 2nd violation of the same ordinance within one year, and \$5,000 for each additional violation of the same ordinance within one year of the first violation.

California has seen a rise in the home-sharing industry, with companies such as Airbnb, Expedia, and Vacation Rentals by Owner (VRBO) gaining popularity due to their short-term rental practice. Short-term rentals are usually an individual's residential property, such as a home, room, apartment, or condominium rented out to a visitor for fewer than 30 consecutive days. For travelers, online rental platforms offer a streamlined online approach to obtaining booking instead of traditional booking of motels or hotels. Reports show that there were 1.8 million short-term rental listings in the United States in 2018, and California's 235,000 short-term rental listings are second in the nation.

This increase in short-term rental listings in California necessitates the need for cities to have more effective tools to deter habitual violations of short-term rental ordinances. **SB 60** would increase the effectiveness of the current penalty

structure with the intent of deterring violations of short-term rental ordinances that have, in the worst circumstances, led to unauthorized mass gatherings, underage drinking, brawls, noise complaints, violence, and death.

SB 60 will provide cities with a substantial deterrent to hold property owners accountable for violating short-term rental ordinances. For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills is pleased to **SUPPORT SB 60 (Glazer)** and requests your **SIGNATURE** on this measure. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Wunderlich".

Robert Wunderlich, Mayor
City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Steven Glazer, 7th Senate District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
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