



CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

CITY HALL
8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD.
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA
90069-6216
TEL: (323) 848-6460
FAX: (323) 848-6562

TTY: For hearing impaired
(323) 848-6496

CITY COUNCIL

LINDSEY P. HORVATH
Mayor

LAUREN MEISTER
Mayor Pro Tempore

JOHN D'AMICO
Councilmember

JOHN J. DURAN
Councilmember

JOHN HEILMAN
Councilmember

July 23, 2015

RE: **A Resolution of the League of California Cities Supporting SB 593 (McGuire)** and Continued Local Flexibility for Cities as They Address Neighborhood and Fiscal Impacts of the Temporary Rental of Residential Units for Tourist or Transient Uses

Dear Colleagues,

The upcoming annual meeting of the League of California Cities presents a unique opportunity for us, as elected officials, to provide leadership for our communities and the State on the rapidly emerging issue of the short-term rental of residential units for tourist and transient uses.

The City of West Hollywood is submitting a resolution to the League of California Cities to support Sen. Mike McGuire's Thriving Communities and Sharing Economy Act (SB 593). In order for the Resolution to be presented at the League's annual conference, at the end of September, a total of five cities must provide written documentation of concurrence with the Resolution, by the submittal deadline of August 1, 2015.

I invite you to concur with the resolution (attached).

The Thriving Communities and Sharing Economy Act (SB 593) would enact the following:

- 1) Prohibit the operators of short-term residential hosting platforms from advertising residential units for tourist or transient use if such use will violate any ordinance, regulation, or law, within the applicable city that opts into the bill's provisions.
- 2) Require short-term rental housing platforms to collect and remit applicable transient occupancy tax (if short-term rentals are allowed in the city and the collection of TOT is required by the city).
- 3) Require the confidential quarterly reporting of the following information (if a city opts-in to requesting the data):
 - The address of each residential unit that was occupied for tourist or transient use during the quarterly period.
 - The total number of nights the residential unit was occupied for tourist or transient use.
 - The amounts paid for the occupancy of the residential unit for tourist or transient use.





CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

The data that SB 593 will allow us access to is critical to allowing our cities to enforce our local regulations regarding short-term residential rentals, whether those regulations allow all, some, or no short-term rentals. SB 593 will provide local jurisdictions with the data and framework necessary to collect TOT revenues from short-term rentals, to pay for vital local services; or conversely, the data necessary to help cities enforce local regulations designed to ensure the safety of the public and residents living adjacent to short-term rentals, if those rental are not allowed.

The resolution also reaffirms an important general policy to oppose any effort to undermine existing local authority to regulate land use or collect local TOT revenue.

If you agree to concur with this resolution, please prepare a letter addressed to the League of California Cities stating your concurrence, so that we can include it with our submittal package.

Attached is a sample letter for you to complete on City letterhead and sign. The League's policies regarding resolutions of support, such as this one, state that the letters of concurrence need to simply come from the City; they do not need to be approved by the full City Council, and can be signed by the City Manager or Mayor.

In order for the City to have a complete submission, please send your signed letter to John Leonard, Revenue Manager for the City of West Hollywood, at: jleonard@weho.org. If you have any questions feel free to contact John at (323) 848-6446, or the City's Sacramento Lobbyist, Helyne Meshar, at (916) 442-3520, hmeshar@aol.com.

Thank you for your continued support for SB 593 and helping make the shared economy work in our cities.

Best regards,

Lindsey Horvath
Mayor