

CITY LETTERHEAD

July 24, 2015

Stephany Aguilar, President
League of California Cities
1400 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear President Aguilar:

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 TEMPORARY RENTALS OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR TOURIST OR TRANSIENT USES

The **City/Town of _____** supports the proposed resolution related to the Sharing Economy and concurs in the submission of the resolution for consideration by the League of Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on October 2, 2015.

The resolution reaffirms and acknowledges local efforts to effectively regulate land use impacts and collect applicable taxes from transient residential rentals as part of the emerging “shared economy”.

The short-term rental of residential houses, rooms, condominiums, and apartments present numerous challenges within neighborhoods and to adjacent property owners. They may create additional noise, traffic, parking, privacy and public safety issues, subvert local rent-control laws, decrease available housing stock and in some cases turn residential neighborhoods into de-facto hotel rows.

Where the temporary rental of residential units is allowed by local regulation, the associated transient occupancy tax (TOT) should also be collected. These units are in direct competition with hotels, motels and other accommodations where guests pay the local transient occupancy tax, so all such uses should be subject to the same tax. The revenues generated support local streets, roads, fire, police, lifeguards, trash pick-up, park maintenance and other local public services which directly affect local quality of life and the attraction of the community for a visitor.

The **City of _____** believes SB 593, as referenced in the proposed resolution, acknowledges existing local authority in this area and provides the necessary data for local jurisdictions to enforce their regulations regarding short-term residential rentals and a helpful regulatory framework that local governments may choose in lieu of exercising their existing authority.

[If you have specific examples of the impact of this bill on your city/town, please include here.]

For these reasons, the **City/Town of _____** supports the City’s Resolution.

Sincerely,

NAME

TITLE

CITY/TOWN of _____

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