



CITY OF MURRIETA

August 19, 2020

The Honorable Steven Glazer
State Senator, 7th District
Capitol, Room 5108
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1049 (Glazer) Cities and counties: ordinances: short-term rentals.
Notice of Support**

Dear Senator Glazer,

On behalf of the City of Murrieta, I am writing to express our support for SB 1049, your measure that would allow local government to increase the administrative penalties that local agencies may impose for violations of short-term rental ordinances.

Current law allows cities to assess administrative fines and penalties for violations of a local ordinance. While the fine amounts can vary, based on several factors, most fines and penalties are limited to a maximum of \$1,000 per violation. SB 1049 would specify that a first violation could result in a fine not exceeding \$1,500; a \$3,000 fine could be imposed for a second violation of the same ordinance within one year; and a fine not exceeding \$5,000 could be imposed for each additional violation of the same ordinance within one year.

Short-term rentals have increased in popularity over the last decade with the rise of numerous hosting platforms that offer short-term rentals and allow owners to earn extra income by letting out all, or a portion, of their homes.

SB 1049 provides local governments with another tool to help ensure that short-term rentals comply with locally adopted ordinances governing their operations. By increasing the amount that can be levied for violating a short-term rental ordinance, this bill still allows local governments to set a short-term rental policy that is appropriate for their community, and provides an additional tool to increase the likelihood of compliance with local rules.

For these reasons, the City of Murrieta supports SB 1049. If you have any questions, or need more information, about the City's position, please contact Louie Lacasella, City Manager's Office at (951) 461-6008 or llacasella@MurrietaCA.Gov.

Sincerely,



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Wunderlich".

Gene Wunderlich
Mayor

Cc: Murrieta City Council
Senator Melissa Melendez
Erin Sasse, League of California Cities Public Affairs manager