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 renal 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,

Robert Wunderlich

Robert Wunderlich, Mayor
City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Steven Glazer, 7th Senate District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
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