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Council President Pro Tem Bry Votes to Rescind the City's Short-Term Rental Ordinance

San Diego— After a multi-year process and numerous public hearings, the City Council in August passed a legally sound short-term vacation rental ordinance that upholds the current zoning law, maintains the character of our neighborhoods, collects transient occupancy taxes, respects the original spirit of the sharing economy and preserves our housing stock for San Diego families, workers and students.

I am disappointed that a corporation reportedly valued at \$31 billion descended upon our city with its unlimited funds and used deceptive tactics to put us in the position of having to either rescind our ordinance or put this measure on the ballot.

If this were to go on the ballot, this large corporation would likely spend millions of dollars. Since the next regular election is not until 2020, our city would endure a two-year freeze on any progress on this issue.

So today I voted to rescind the ordinance. Rescinding the ordinance returns us to the existing municipal code. Like all other California coastal cities, San Diego uses a “permissive zoning scheme.” Meaning, if the use is not listed, it is not permitted.

Therefore, I have asked the Mayor to follow the lead of Santa Barbara, Carmel, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Huntington Beach, Long Beach and over 40 other California cities, and enforce the law.

I am grateful to the many San Diegans who have worked with my office to try and resolve this issue. Please know that while today is a setback, it is not the end. I remain fully committed to a short-term rental solution that preserves residential family zoning.

Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.

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