



**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM BARBARA BRY
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
DISTRICT 1
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: July 14, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor Kevin Faulconer

FROM: Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry *Barbara Bry*

SUBJECT: Short-Term Vacation Rental Enforcement – Public Health Concern

On May 26, 2020, I issued a memorandum to you and your staff respectfully requesting the enforcement against illegal short-term vacation rentals during the COVID-19 pandemic. I am following up on this very serious issue that must be addressed to help combat the further spread of COVID-19.

The Governor's most recent health order once again completely shuts down bars and other high-risk businesses in San Diego. Strict enforcement against short-term vacation rentals is necessary to deter and crack down on those who will attempt to now socially congregate in vacation rentals. This inevitable effect will exacerbate an issue that already poses an enormous risk. For months now, groups of tourists have been gathering in short-term vacation rentals and not adhering to health protocols regarding physical distancing and the use of masks.

As stated in my previous memorandum, Public Health Officer Dr. Wilma Wooten explicitly addressed the use of short-term vacation rentals as only lawful if they are being used to house essential workers. The County has made it clear that allowing groups to gather at short-term vacation rentals is a threat to our collective public health. Failure to ensure compliance jeopardizes our City's number one priority to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of our constituents. ***Therefore, I demand the swift formation and implementation of a plan of enforcement against short-term vacation rentals.***

Thank you in advance for your consideration and action.

cc: Aimee Faucett, Chief of Staff
Honorable City Attorney Mara Elliot
Gerry Braun, Office of City Attorney Chief of Staff
Kris Michell, Chief Operating Officer
Jessica Lawrence, Director of Policy and Council Affairs