



COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS CATE
DISTRICT 6

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**COUNCILMAN CATE AND COALITION DEMAND THE STATUTORY RIGHT TO
RENT ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS**

San Diego, CA: Last week, an Administrative Law Judge ratified that owner-occupied residential room rentals, similar to those of AirBnB, are illegal without a homeowner paying \$5,000 to \$10,000 for a permit. Due to this ruling, the precedent has been set that every owner occupied short-term rental in the City of San Diego is now considered a Bed and Breakfast.

On March 2, Councilman Cate issued a [memo](#) to the City's Smart Growth & Land Use Committee outlining proposed municipal code changes regarding San Diego's regulations surrounding short-term vacation rentals in light of today's sharing economy.

"I feel that every property owner should have the option to rent all or a portion of their home on a short-term basis. A thorough review revealed that those individuals wishing to rent out their property for a period of 30 days or less do not have clear laws by which to abide. The ambiguity of San Diego's regulations surrounding short-term vacation rentals is apparent. The diversity of our neighborhoods should be both celebrated and protected. Platforms such as AirBnB, HomeAway, VRBO, and others allow residents to showcase their community, but it's also important that the City's rules be clear," stated Councilman Chris Cate.

"Short-term rentals give travelers the chance to rent unique places while making communities better places to live, work and visit. They also provide alternative accommodations to hotels, whether for travelers on a budget or larger families that might require multiple hotel rooms, or even in some cases, perhaps a child with special needs," said Belinda Smith, Short Term Rental Alliance of San Diego founder.

WHAT: Media Availability

WHERE: 3155 Kalmia Street, San Diego, CA 92104

WHEN: Thursday, August 13, 2015 | 12:30pm

About Councilmember Chris Cate:

Chris Cate is an advocate and voice for all residents in District 6. Chris proudly represents the neighborhoods of Clairemont Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Mira Mesa, Miramar, Park Village and Sorrento Valley. Visit www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd6/ or call (619) 236-6616 to learn more about Chris, his staff and District 6.

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