



# City of Encinitas

Office of  
The Mayor

April 15, 2015

The Honorable Mathew Harper  
California State Assembly  
10<sup>th</sup> & L Streets  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Kristin Gaspar*  
Mayor

**RE: AB 1220 (Harper) Transient occupancy tax: short term rentals  
Notice of Opposition**

Dear Assembly Member Harper:

*Catherine S. Blakespear*  
Deputy Mayor

The City of Encinitas opposes AB 1220 (Harper) Transient occupancy tax: short term rentals. In your summary you state that the intention of the bill is to ensure statewide uniformity and fairness in how those taxes are applied, but in reality you are only ensuring uniformity about when not to apply the tax. Fairness has nothing to do with it.

*Tony Kranz*  
Council Member

This is a one-size-fits-all approach with the underlying assumption (fairness) that every jurisdiction will be equally impacted by eliminating transient occupancy tax on vacation rentals. Coastal cities or destination cities with theme parks or entertainment venues often have an abundance of existing hotel rooms and your bill will have little impact on them. On the other hand, coastal cities with few hotels but an abundance of vacation rentals will be adversely affected by your proposed bill. That would describe the City of Encinitas.

*Mark Muir*  
Council Member

Years ago, our residents voted for a two percent increase in transient occupancy tax for the sole purpose of managing the beach sand replenishment program in Encinitas. Your bill would drastically reduce that dedicated income and force the city to either abandon the program or divert funding from other city services.

*Lisa Shaffer*  
Council Member

Our Council is committed to protecting funding for vital community services. For this and the reasons stated above, we oppose AB 1220 (Harper).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin Gaspar".

Kristin Gaspar  
Mayor

*Larry Watt*  
Interim City Manager

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