



# City of Encinitas

Office of  
The Mayor

February 26, 2018

The Honorable Patricia Bates  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 4048  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Catherine S. Blakespear*  
Mayor

**RE: SB 1226 (Bates) Planning and zoning: housing: accessory dwelling units  
LETTER OF SPONSORSHIP**

Dear Senator Bates:

*Tony Kranz*  
Deputy Mayor

On behalf of the City of Encinitas, I would like to thank you for carrying SB 1226 (Bates). Our City is among many in the state with unpermitted accessory dwelling units, and we have been concerned about the safety risk this poses to the community. Although the official cause of the Oakland Ghost Ship warehouse fire is under investigation, the loss of life of those living in unpermitted residential units focused our attention. The City of Encinitas has an estimated 1,000 unpermitted accessory dwelling units, and the City has had limited success with amnesty programs or in getting property owners to "come out of the shadows."

*Tasha Boerner Horvath*  
Council Member

This is a State and a local issue. Your bill will help cities to address this issue, by providing another tool to bring unpermitted accessory dwellings out of the shadows. Applying the building code standards that were in effect at the time of construction will ensure the accessory dwellings are at least as safe as the primary residence. Our City is also providing local allowances for floor/area ratios, setbacks and fees to work in concert with the proposed state legislative relief.

*Mark Muir*  
Council Member

The City of Encinitas is pleased to sponsor SB 1226 (Bates), and we thank you again for carrying the bill on our behalf, and in helping us work toward a solution for unpermitted accessory dwelling units.

*Joe Mosca*  
Council Member

Sincerely,

Catherine S. Blakespear  
Mayor

*Karen P. Brust*  
City Manager

cc: Assembly Member Rocky Chavez  
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