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The Honorable Steve Glazer
California State Senate, 7th District
State Capitol, Room 5108
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 60 (Glazer) - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Glazer,

On behalf of the City of Cupertino, I write to express our support for SB 60 (Glazer), which would raise the maximum threshold for fines imposed on a violation of a short-term rental ordinance from \$1,300 to \$5,000 for each additional violation within one year. Raising the fine amount imposed for such violations provides local governments with an important tool to provide an effective deterrent and protect public health and safety.

Existing law establishes a maximum fine of up to \$1,300 for each additional violation of the same ordinance within one year. For local governments, this amount is often not effective in discouraging the violations of short term-rental ordinances. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the need to levy greater penalties against violators, many of whom used short-term rentals to evade public health restrictions on large gatherings. Moreover, the existing maximum fine of \$1,300 is often interpreted as the cost of doing business, given that short-term rental hosts can charge extraordinary amounts for large houses.

Considering the rise in the use of short-term rentals as a result of the growing popularity of home-sharing online platforms, it is important that local governments have the tools to deter habitual violators of short-term rental ordinances. Modifying the penalty structure will work to reduce the frequency of violations and their impact on the community.

For these reasons, the City of Cupertino supports SB 60.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darcy Paul". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Darcy" and last name "Paul" clearly distinguishable.

Darcy Paul
Mayor
City of Cupertino

cc: Senator Dave Cortese
Assemblymember Evan Low
Assemblymember Marc Berman