

Hi there,

It looks like another hectic, controversial, and challenging legislative session for you! One of those controversial measures is SB 621. This proposal would seriously harm cities working to alleviate housing shortages, homelessness, and the dearth of affordable housing for middle- and low-income residents. In nearly all desirable communities, including those in SD 16, vacation rentals have a devastating impact on the quality of life, local governance, and problems related to noise, parking, trash, and infrastructure.

Perhaps the most serious consequence of these is the renters' lack of interest in the community itself: no long-term financial stake, few if any connections with local residents or businesses, and reluctance to participate in local affairs. Our coastal communities depend on volunteers assisting government, non-profits, and other entities to keep us thriving. Vacationers' indifference and lack of community connection and participation could rapidly transform our vibrant towns into nothing but glitzy, mass-produced tourist hubs.

You've been a fierce advocate for your constituents and their local communities. I urge you to oppose SB 621 and stand up for local governance.

Thanks for your service!

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