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[Opposing California State Senate Bill 1102 (McGuire) - Short-Term Rentals and Collection of Transient Occupancy Taxes

Resolution opposing California State Senate Bill 1102, authored by Senator McGuire, which would infringe upon the City's longstanding home rule powers, preclude the City from effectively enforcing the application of its transient occupancy tax to short-term residential rentals, and prevent the City from obtaining information from platforms that may allow the City to enforce its zoning, housing, building, and life safety laws; and directing San Francisco to engage with Senator McGuire to seek amendments that preserve San Francisco's local control.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1102, which as currently drafted purports to apply to charter cities and counties and to restrict the City's collection of transient occupancy taxes ("TOT") imposed on short-term residential rentals to three methods:

- (1) Short-term residential rental platforms ("platforms") could elect to collect and remit TOT to the City for transactions they facilitate, as long as the City does not bar such option to all platforms. If the platforms make this election and the City does not bar it, only the State Controller would be permitted to audit the platforms' TOT collection, and the state law would deny City access to information in the possession of the State Controller or the platforms regarding the short-term residential rental hosts' ("host") names or addresses, or any other personally identifiable information about the hosts or their guests, whether for TOT enforcement purposes or otherwise;
- (2) If the platforms do not elect to collect and remit the TOT to the City for the transactions they facilitate, or the City elects to preclude any such elections, then state law would deny the City the right to require the platforms to collect the TOT and

effectively force the City to engage in the costly and highly inefficient collection of the TOT from the individual hosts; and

(3) If, prior to June 1, 2016, a platform and the City enter into a binding legal agreement relating to the collection of the TOT, such agreement would govern the collection of the TOT and would preclude application of paragraphs (1) and (2) to that platform, unless the platform and the City mutually agree to terminate the agreement; and

WHEREAS, Under the California Constitution, the City's power to tax is a core element of its fundamental home rule power over municipal affairs as a charter city. Indeed, the City's TOT is a uniquely local tax with the rate, base, exemptions, and collection procedures that the City has established and adapted to correspond to the City's rental market for tourist and transient lodgings; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1102 would conflict with the City's home rule power and its ability to govern its municipal affairs, including the power to collect its taxes, which is a purely local matter that presents no matter of statewide concern; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1102's preclusion of City access to the hosts' names, addresses, and other personally identifiable information from both the State Controller and the platforms would effectively prevent the City from enforcing the application of its TOT to short-term residential rentals; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1102's bar against the City to the hosts' names, addresses, and personally identifiable information from both the State Controller and the platforms for any purpose may also impair the City's capacity to enforce the City's zoning, housing, building, and life safety laws; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors opposes Senate Bill 1102 particularly in its application to charter cities or counties, such as San Francisco; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors directs City staff and representatives to engage with the author of the bill to seek amendments that preserve San Francisco's local control; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit this resolution upon passage to SB 1102 Sponsor, State Senator McGuire, as well as to the City's Lobbyist, in order to fully execute his or her charge to advocate on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco and convey the City's policy positions.



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Resolution

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April 26, 2016 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE **BEARING NEW TITLE**

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and

Yee

Excused: 1 - Farrell

April 26, 2016 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and

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Excused: 1 - Farrell

May 03, 2016 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

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May 03, 2016 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE **BEARING NEW TITLE**

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and

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May 03, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and

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I hereby certify that the foregoing **Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED** on 5/3/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

5/13/2016

Mayor

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Clerk of the Board