



CITY of YORBA LINDA

August 5, 2025

Maria Hernandez
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: City of Yorba Linda's response to findings and recommendations in the FY 2024-25 Orange County Grand Jury report, Long-Term Solutions to Short-Term Rentals.

Dear Judge Hernandez:

The City of Yorba Linda has reviewed the findings and recommendations made in the Orange County Grand Jury's report regarding Short-Term Rentals, and thus is submitting to you the required responses outlined in the report.

Findings

Finding 1

"Despite the increasing media coverage of Online Booking Agencies (OBAs), STRs are not a new phenomenon in Orange County."

The City agrees with this finding.

Finding 2

"The steady growth of STR usage in the last decade raises concerns of potential public nuisance."

The City agrees with this finding.

Finding 3

"Even with robust Code Enforcement, a city's statutory ban on STRs is not enough to keep STRs from operating."

The City agrees with this finding.

Finding 12

"City leaders have no regular communication with each other concerning STR issues, limiting opportunities to develop strategies and expertise to improve service."

The City agrees with this finding.

Recommendations

Recommendation 1

"Cities should review and begin to update ordinances to keep up with the rapidly changing nature of court findings and legislation related to STRs, by December 31, 2025, and no less frequently than every three years thereafter."

The recommendation has been implemented. City staff are continuously monitoring court cases and legislation related to STRs and believe that our ordinance is up to date with current legislation.

Recommendation 2

"Cities should consider developing a plan for upcoming major events that are expected to create a surge in demand for STRs and its associated Transient Occupancy Tax, by December 31, 2025, and no less frequently than every two years thereafter."

This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented prior to the 2026 Los Angeles World Cup and 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, which are the only major events we are aware of that could have an impact on STRs in Yorba Linda.

Recommendation 9

"City leaders should have regular discussions with each other to share STR management strategies on a biannual basis commencing no later than January 1, 2026."

This recommendation requires further analysis to determine the most feasible way to accommodate regular intra-city discussions on this matter. However, the topic can be introduced for discussion at the City Manager level via the Orange County City Managers Association within the next six months.

Should you have any questions or require any further information from the City of Yorba Linda, please feel free to contact our Assistant City Manager, David Christian at (714)961-7107 or dchristian@yorbalindaca.gov.

Sincerely,



Janice Lim
Mayor of Yorba Linda

Cc: Orange County Grand Jury