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Presiding Judge of the
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Dear Honorable Judge Maria Hernandez,

The City of Stanton received the 2024-2025 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled "Long-Term Solutions to Short-Term Rentals". As required by California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the City of Stanton is responding to the findings and recommendations included in the report.

Note: The original Grand Jury findings are repeated below in italics. The City's responses are in bold, with additional explanation and commentary in regular typeface. References to the "City" refer to the City of Stanton, California.

Findings

F1 Despite the increasing media coverage of Online Booking Agencies (OBAs), STRs are not a new phenomenon in Orange County.

The respondent agrees with the finding.

F2 The steady growth of STR usage in the last decade raises concerns of potential public nuisance.

The respondent agrees with the finding.

F3 Even with robust Code Enforcement, a city's statutory ban on STRs is not enough to keep STRs from operating.

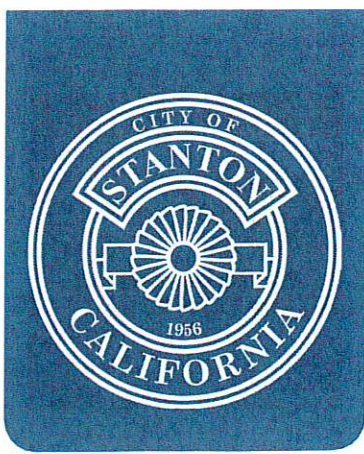
The respondent agrees with the finding.

Despite the City's ban on STRs, Code Enforcement regularly receives complaints regarding STRs. The frequency of the complaints rose to such a level in prior years that the City recently procured access to a data platform that monitors STRs and supports timely, appropriate enforcement.

F12 City leaders have no regular communication with each other concerning STR issues, limiting opportunities to develop strategies and expertise to improve service.

The respondent agrees partially with the finding.

While there is no formal regular communication medium dedicated solely to STR-related issues among City leaders in Orange County, communication and collaboration does occur. In addition to mediums for elected officials such as the League of California Cities and the Association of California Cities – Orange County, city managers and planning directors participate in various professional organizations in which a range of municipal issues are discussed, including STRs.



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Recommendations

- R1 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 will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.

The City does not permit STRs.

- R2 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.*

The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor

The City does not permit STRs.

- R9 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.*

The recommendation will be implemented.

City staff will continue to attend and participate in those professional associations and events where issues such as STRs are addressed.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Hannah Shin-Heydorn, City Manager, at (714) 890-4277 or via email at HShinheydorn@StantonCA.gov.

Respectfully,

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Mayor

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