



WHEREAS the 85th Texas Legislature is considering legislation (S.B. 451/H.B. 2551) regarding regulation of short term rentals; and

WHEREAS the proposed legislation will preempt the right of Texas communities to create their own short term rental ordinances; and

WHEREAS the proposed legislation states Short Term Rentals cannot be regulated by individual cities unless it's for "health and safety reasons", and

WHEREAS the proposed legislation states Short Term Rentals cannot be regulated by individual cities unless it's for "building code requirements", and

WHEREAS the proposed legislation will prevent an individual city from regulating Short Term Rentals via development regulations like those that are part of the City of Galveston's Land Development Regulations, and

WHEREAS the City of Galveston has a carefully crafted short term rental ordinance created with all interested parties involved; the city, businesses, home owners, neighborhoods

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce is opposed to the proposed legislation to address Texas' regulation of short term rentals.

ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF March 2017 BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE GALVESTON REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina Spagnola". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Gina Spagnola
President & CEO
Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce

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