



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA ITEM

DATE: August 2, 2005
TO: Board of Supervisors
SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 438 (PARRA) (DISTRICT: ALL)
SUMMARY:

Overview

Rental housing providers in California currently face a difficult dilemma when it comes to better protecting their tenants. If an apartment owner or manager learns that there is a registered sex offender living in a rental complex, he or she cannot deny the sex offender housing, nor can they alert other residents to the presence of a sex offender. This conundrum puts families at risk while giving protective status to dangerous individuals.

Today's action will express the Board's support for Assembly Bill 438 (Parra), which would allow rental housing providers to protect residents from registered sex offenders. Specifically, AB 438 authorizes rental housing providers to use the Megan's Law Database to decline rental to a registered sex offender, regain possession of rental units from registered sex offenders, and warn other tenants about the presence of a registered sex offender.

Recommendation(s)

SUPERVISOR JACOB AND SUPERVISOR ROBERTS:

1. Adopt a position of support for Assembly Bill 438 and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to add support for this bill to the County's legislative program.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter for the Chairwoman's signature to the region's State legislative delegation, expressing our Board's support for Assembly Bill 438.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

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Advisory Board Statement

N/A

BACKGROUND:

Rental housing providers in California currently face a difficult dilemma when it comes to better protecting their tenants. If an apartment owner or manager learns that there is a registered sex offender living in a rental complex, he or she cannot deny the sex offender housing, nor can they alert other residents to the presence of a sex offender. This conundrum puts families at risk while giving protective status to dangerous predators.

Assembly Bill 438 (Parra), which is sponsored by the California Apartment Association, would allow rental housing providers to take action to protect their tenants from registered sex offenders. Specifically, AB 438 authorizes rental housing providers to use the Megan's Law Database to decline rental to a registered sex offender, regain possession of rental units from registered sex offenders, and warn other tenants about the presence of a registered sex offender. The California State Sheriffs' Association and the Peace Officers Research Association of California support this bill.

Today's action will express the Board's support for Assembly Bill 438 (Parra), which would allow rental housing providers to protect residents from registered sex offenders by using the California Megan's Law database. We urge your support.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANNE JACOB
Supervisor, Second District

RON ROBERTS
Supervisor, Fourth District

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

CONCURRENCE(S)

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Written Disclosure per County Charter	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Section 1000.1 Required		
GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Requires Four Votes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Other Concurrence(s): N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: District Two, District Four

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