

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SANTA ANA IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 757 BY  
SENATOR STEVEN RICHARDSON, THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT – NUISANCE ABATEMENT, TO EXPAND  
AND STRENGTHEN LOCAL AUTHORITY AND CONTROL

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana submitted a letter of support to the California State Legislature Position Letter Portal for Senate Bill (SB) 757 to reaffirm the City's commitment to the enhancing the quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana is committed to protecting public health, safety, and the quality of life in all neighborhoods through effective enforcement of building, housing, and fire codes; and

WHEREAS, properties that fall into disrepair or violate safety standards can create serious public nuisances, posing threats to the well-being of residents and placing undue strain on municipal resources; and

WHEREAS, local governments, including Santa Ana, frequently face challenges in addressing such nuisances due to limited enforcement tools and financial constraints associated with prolonged code enforcement actions; and

WHEREAS, SB 757, authored by Senator Steven Bradford Richardson, seeks to expand and strengthen the authority of local governments to collect civil fines for certain nuisance abatement violations through the imposition of liens or special assessments, thereby providing a sustainable mechanism for funding code enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, SB 757 requires that revenue generated from these fines be reinvested into local enforcement of state and local building and fire code standards, ensuring that resources directly support community safety and compliance efforts; and

WHEREAS, SB 757 requires local agencies to provide a process for hardship waivers to protect financially vulnerable individuals from undue burden, and ensures fairness by mandating a reasonable opportunity for property owners to cure violations—except in cases of immediate danger to health or safety; and

WHEREAS, these provisions align with the City of Santa Ana's values of equity, fairness, and effective public policy that supports safe and healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana believes SB 757 will improve public safety, reduce blight, and provide meaningful tools for holding property owners accountable while safeguarding community interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana that:

SECTION 1. The City of Santa Ana hereby expresses its strong support for SB 757 (Richardson) and urges the California State Legislature and the Governor to enact this legislation to improve local government enforcement of nuisance abatement laws.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Valerie Amezcua  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Sonia R. Carvalho, City Attorney

By: *Sonia R. Carvalho*

AYES: Councilmembers \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: Councilmembers \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers \_\_\_\_\_

NOT PRESENT: Councilmembers \_\_\_\_\_

#### **CERTIFICATION OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY**

I, Jennifer L. Hall, City Clerk, do hereby attest to and certify the attached Resolution No. 2025-XXX to be the original resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana on \_\_\_\_\_.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk  
City of Santa Ana