

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **WHY IS THE CITY'S NEW VACATION RENTAL (STR) ORDINANCE UNFAIR?**

- **Passed by the City Council without allowing a public vote**
- **Promotes STRs throughout the City that can harm residential neighborhoods**
- **Provides unlimited Primary STRs and Home-Stay STRs in the Coastal Zone**
- **Reduces available housing and long-term rental properties and can raise costs, particularly affecting the lives of low income and minority residents**
- **Authorizes the City Council to increase the number of STRs at any time**
- **Favors extremely profitable STRs for investors by allowing grandfathering and renewal provisions that can inhibit residents' property rights**
- **No effective system to grant STR permits to limit exposing residents to partying, noise, traffic, trash, parking, cleaning services, smoking, code enforcement failures, etc.**
- **Jeopardizes the safe and peaceful enjoyment of your home**
- **Lacks effective enforcement protocols to prevent illegal STRs from operating**
- **Uses the difficult to enforce honor system to collect TOT owed the City**

### **WHY IS THIS VOTER INITIATIVE NEEDED?**

**Because the City Council would not allow a public vote, an Initiative is the only way residents can vote for a Short-Term Vacation Rental Policy that protects our neighborhoods from the negative impacts associated with STRs. The City Council voted against allowing a vote.**