



RESOLUTION 2014-12

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF TRINIDAD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AB 1513
(FOX) STATE PILOT PROGRAM FOR CONTROL OF SQUATTING IN PRIVATE
RESIDENCES**

WHEREAS, there is currently no state law that provides local government officials with the specific tools they need to combat unlawful occupancy of residences by squatters; and

WHEREAS, owners of residences in California and their REALTORS are experiencing a significant rise in the number of residential properties that are unlawfully occupied by unauthorized individuals; and

WHEREAS, there are websites that provide "how to" guidelines for squatting on residential properties; and

WHEREAS, unlawful detainer laws are not designed to provide law enforcement officials the tools they need to assist owners of residential real property in their efforts to prevent occupancy by squatters of vacant properties; and

WHEREAS, AB 1513 is not intended to, and does not in any way, impact the landlord/tenant relationship; and

WHEREAS, AB 1513 specifically attempts to create a local government process designed to prevent unauthorized individuals from occupying residential properties; and

WHEREAS, the California Association of REALTORS is sponsoring, and the California Mortgage Association, the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles, the Santa Barbara Rental Property Association, and the Southwest California Legislative Council are supporting, AB 1513; and

WHEREAS, AB 1513 will enact a pilot program to "test the waters" for a system that will curtail squatting in vacant homes on a permanent basis; and

WHEREAS, only two jurisdictions are presently included in the Pilot Program to seek a solution to the squatters dilemma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trinidad City Council of hereby officially requests Assemblyman Fox to include the City of Trinidad in the AB 1513 Squatters Pilot Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Trinidad City Council, of Humboldt County, of the State of California this 13th day of August, 2014 by the following vote:

Ayes: West, Miller, Fulkerson, Baker, Davies
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Attest:

Gabriel Adams
Trinidad City Clerk

Julie Fulkerson
Mayor