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Subject: FW: Letter to Supervisor Gorin & all Supervisors Regarding Vacation Rental X Zone Expansions: Planning Commission Hearing March 16
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Hi Alisa,

Not sure if this is a duplicate. If not, please add it to the packet.

Dear Gary Helfrich,

Please add my letter below to the public comments provided to decision-makers, staff, and the public.

Thanks,

Kathleen Winter

Dear Supervisor Gorin, Sonoma County Supervisors, Planning Commission Members, and Staff:

Thanks very much to you and your staff for considering new exclusion zones and expanding/extending-in-time any exclusion zone affecting **Waldruhe Heights**. My husband and I respectfully request that you and all the Supervisors and Planning Commission members do everything in your power to reduce, limit, and if possible remove Vacation Rentals from Waldruhe Heights. **We hope to see Vacation Rentals permanently excluded from Waldruhe Heights**, and ask that you take this action now.

My husband and I bought our house in 1999 and live here full time. We're both teachers. We love our marvelous neighbors and our dear, small neighborhood. However, the proliferation of vacation rentals in this tiny Waldruhe Heights community--which has fewer than twenty homes--has had an adverse impact on our property and on Waldruhe Heights as a whole.

Waldruhe Heights is on Sonoma Mountain Road, and is accessed by a privately maintained, dead-end road that's only partially paved and leads up Sonoma Mountain. We share a single well. The neighbors who live here full-time constantly maintain both the road and our well system. Vacation renters don't contribute to the ongoing health and safety of our neighborhood, but rather add burdens to our community with their road wear, water use, noise, and traffic. They take the place of full-time owners and long-term renters who pitch in to make this place great.

As government decision makers and staff, you have substantial control over our quality of life for the next few decades. Please use your expertise and wisdom to help us to live in peace and safety in Waldruhe Heights, without the further intrusion of Vacation Renters and their multiple negative impacts. Waldruhe Heights is a little group of neighbors who pitch in to help each other in times of joy, but also during

fire season and other hazardous times. As sentimental and old-fashioned as that may sound, it's taken the full-time owners up here *a lot* of time and elbow grease to keep Waldruhe Heights as lovely as it is.

Please don't let Vacation Rentals take over and spoil this humble but beautiful little place.

Best wishes,
Kathleen Winter and Greg Campbell

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