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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am a Pediatrician and Internist who raised my children and worked in Sonoma County. Our favorite things to do were to go commune with the redwoods at Armstrongs, swim in the Russian River, and go to the ocean. These made, I believe, my children healthy, wealthy and wise.

For many years my husband and I owned a vacation rental in the Armstrong Woods area so we could gather our large family, 8 children and 13 grandchildren in this beautiful spot. Also, to afford this we could rent responsibly to other well-behaved family groups from all over the world who wanted to enjoy this beautiful area, living and eating with their loved ones, swimming and hiking and being able to affordably be together.

It isn't as affordable for family groups to get together in a hotel and eat in restaurants, yet these very happy tourists did spend money in our county, and we employed many service businesses, pool and spa companies, cleaners, landscapers.

We got fabulous feedback from families from all over the country that they so appreciated being able to connect with each other in such a beautiful and healthy environment with their loved ones.

In this stressful day and age when it is scientifically proven that our connections with people are a serious basic component of health, I would try to find another way to provide affordable housing besides quashing all vacation rentals, particularly in a traditional vacation spot like the Guerneville area. Our vacation rental was always such a win-win-win, for us, for our visiting families, and for business in the area.

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