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DEAR GOVERNING BODY

I am bob Guglielmino a 45 year resident of Sonoma Valley and the 30-year homeowner in Agua Caliente park - Sonoma valley and past member of many civic organizations over the years (leadership Sonoma, soccer board, sister cities, and much more)..

I am reluctant to author this giant complaint which has spanned over 10 years because we in Sonoma often "look the other way "as well as welcome the new entrants to Sonoma whether it is the ULTRA RICH filling the mountain tops or migrant workers filling the low lands and tenting in peoples backyards.

We have always supported good governance and good planning thus my complaint is for your examination. .. I use this as just a living example of the new opportunists (Airbnb, VRBO, and the many other platforms that exploit our neighborhoods, profiteer off our good nature, and fill the air with endless drunkenness, fire hazards, noise violations, and with a complete disregard for the community.

AS IN MY CASE WHICH IS TYPICAL, MY NEIGHBOR DOES NOT LIVE THERE, ITS JUST AN INCOME STREAM WITH A COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD..RESULTING IN 10 YEARS OF HEADACHES, three-night minimums and on a 12-month basis and bringing all the erratic behavior of bachelor-bachelorette parties, weddings,wine extravaganzas ..and too many others too mention,,not all are reprobates but the endless adaptations to there behaviors is just too much for any neighborhood.

Rather than blither on with endless grievances that you have already heard, just multiply it by 10 years. I AM SIMPLY FED UP AND NOW HATE COMING HOME after living in my house for 31 years. so I will just make a series of recommendations.

1. Agua Caliente Park becomes a Residential Zone only, with No Vacation Rentals..

2. if this is too stringent DO what other municipalities have done (Hermosa Beach , California) where there is no rental under one month

3. please review all current VRBO'S , Airbnb. and see if they followed the guidelines and if they did not remove their license to operate, IMMEDIATELYwhy, , many snuck under the wire because the trend became exponential quite quickly and ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO REGULATE ..

4. have a neighborhood review by people who live there about the unwelcomed hotel they live next to. ..after all, this is zoned as a residential neighborhood, not a commercial one **..use your zoning laws to protect us.**

in short, this ALSO solves a few valley issues with one stroke of a pen people have been complaining for over fifteen years about available housing, well this will open up the rental market, and housing market for families and have multiple positive effects, ie,, we cannot attract average workers to our town because of this opportunist nightmare, ,ie, police, fire, teachers, nurses, small business owners, tourism workers, etc

I will conclude, PLEASE PROTECT US OTHERWISE, WE WILL BECOME LIKE CARMEL, WHERE NOBODY LIVES THERE ANYMORE ..

THANK YOU FOR READING AND UNDERSTANDING THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUE and SONOMA COUNTY ISSUE ..

sincerely
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ps...I have asked for thirty years to please pave our roads of hillside ave, park ave , hillcrest and Buena vista ave ,mountain ave and this has never happened, so at least listen to the soul of this neighborhood and preserve our quiet and our beauty for it is unique ...or stated another way HELP...!!!!

please stop this private profiteering mostly by investors because our neighborhoods are suffering..

thank you

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