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## EXTERNAL

Hello,

I understand you all are meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March to discuss Vacation Rentals in Sonoma County. I am a Vacation Rental Permit holder and have been for nearly 5 years now. I live in Dallas, Texas and have been traveling out to Healdsburg for 15 years. I purchased the home from the original owners who were retiring and moving into town. I use the home often with family and friends. We celebrate birthdays, life milestones and just enjoy everything the area has to offer. We dine in the restaurants. We are members of many of the wineries clubs. We shop at local businesses in an effort to support them. We visit the farmers market on every trip and encourage our guests to do the same.

My home is 3 bedrooms and 3 baths, located just outside the city limits of Healdsburg. The reviews we get are simply amazing. So many families and friends gather at the home for long weekend vacations. They cook together, play games together and spend quality time in a setting very much different than a hotel. During Covid, families from the City would come up and get a chance to be normal in the semi rural setting. We have a small fenced yard so guests can bring their small dogs.

The home is managed by a local agency. If there is an issue, all of the neighbors have their number and can contact them directly to address the situation immediately. Fortunately, in 5 years it has only happened one time and it was easily handled. We have a local cleaning company, local gardening and lawn company and often use local trades people to help manage the home.

I am mentioning all of this to say that I truly believe these types of homes offer something for many people that they can't get from a hotel. The reviews are heartwarming and special. I felt like you all should hear from a permit holder how special we believe our home, and many of the homes that hold these permits really are to the local area. We consider it an honor to have the ability to offer our home for others to enjoy.

Regards,  
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