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Dear Planning,

Why harm those who fully comply with local laws, ordinances, and are members of our community?

Short term vacation rentals offer affordable options for visitors to come to our county while finding unique ways to connect with its culture. Many guests travel with multiple pets or children, have disabilities or other unique circumstances which are often not suited for hotels.

Short term rentals enable people working less than 30 days, to find affordable and comfortable housing.

Many of us are on fixed income and having the ability to rent a room fills a needed service, generates income that makes home ownership more affordable, and contributes tax dollars to the economy.

Deal with those who disrupt communities: not those who contribute meaningfully.

Limiting short term rentals to 10%- who decides who gets to and who doesn't? It's unfair to newer homeowners who bought a year ago with the expectation to be able to rent one room in my occupied house- yet now in restricted because my neighbor has a pre-existing permit? My neighbor uses good judgement with their rental and likewise so would I. Why establish restrictive rules on private homeowners when no problem exists?

The last thing needed when housing costs are high, in short supply, and the economy is suffering- is more unnecessary restrictions limiting our freedoms and democratic processes. These rules squeeze people financially at a time when we're facing a recession. Please consider all the voices in the community- not one or two who shout the loudest from a place of privilege.

Thank you-

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