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**From:** Erika Shook  
**Sent:** Monday, October 28, 2019 9:26 AM  
**To:** Comp Plan Update  
**Subject:** FW: Please consider a moratorium on vacation rentals

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**From:** Rick Hughes <[rickh@sanjuanco.com](mailto:rickh@sanjuanco.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 26, 2019 5:51 PM  
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Begin forwarded message:

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**Subject:** Please consider a moratorium on vacation rentals

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Dear County Council Members Hughes, Stephens, and Watson,

As a long term Orcas Islander, I have been following the conversation regarding the impact of vacation rentals on the community of Orcas Island. There was much care taken to invite a broad participation and exploration of the many issues connected to continued growth in the number of homes on Orcas purchased for investment purposes and rented out as vacation rentals.

It was the majority opinion of the quite large community group who participated in this work that Orcas Island and San Juan County would benefit in a moratorium for further vacation rental permits allowing time for a more thorough study and consideration of the impact of these rentals on the quality of community life, the availability of homes for people to rent, own, and live on our island, the prospect of increased tourism on our infrastructure and ferries, and the impact of unending growth in on-line vacation rental options on our existing tourist industry of hotels and resorts.

A balance of homes nearby that belong to real neighbors who live their full time or for a good part of the year is very important to the emotional health and well being of community life. We are fortunate on our lane to have 6 out of the 9 pieces of property inhabited by year round residents, 2 more by part time residents who do not rent out their places for vacations. It makes for a rich and supportive mini-community on our lane.

**My husband and I support a moratorium on further permits for vacation rentals until the above issues are thoroughly considered and the island communities can express how they want to see further growth happen or be limited.**

Because of the way the San Juan County Web Site is structured, I could not find the contact emails for all three county commissioners, only an email link which was not particularly effective on my personal computer.

**Rick, would you please make sure that this letter is forwarded to your fellow council members, if I have not entered a proper email for them?**

**Please consider actually including the proper email contacts on the web page as well as a link to email.**

Thank you for your service,

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