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I applaud the County Council for implementing a moratorium on vacation rentals.

As the water manager for a small community water system of 9 homes with FIVE vacation rentals, I can tell you the impact of vacation rentals on our water system is dramatic. Even though landlords post information about water usage, vacation renters remain unfamiliar with our limited water resources. In addition, landlords must do a tremendous amount of laundry—bedding, towels and the like—every day. Vacation rental water usage is often double that of owner occupied homes. In light of rising sea levels, this usage is unsustainable.

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