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Kudos on the moratorium, but now thoroughly look at the results of data about permits issued and compliance. Tighten up rules, visit sites, and pull permits immediately when findings show noncompliance. No letters of warning! The neighborhoods we reside in should not be inundated so that folks who use a VR, have a revenue stream. This is unfair on so many levels.

Cap the numbers of permits to current compliant VR. Do not keep issuing permits. As permits are pulled for noncompliance, there are the only number that then can be issued to new VR permit applicants. Stop the number to current amount and only issue new as vacant permits become available.

Our island deserves more than vacationers and tourists, brought to Orcas by folks with purchasing power, who live elsewhere, to buy homes and rent them on our streets and in our neighborhoods.

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