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Dear Council.

First of all until you fix the way we get appointments for vaccine distribution.....this should be way back on the agenda.

But, in defense of property rights violations that might occur in the future....I am taking a stand against your desire to put people's financial lives in jeopardy.

There are many homes in construction and under purchase with the need to have them as vacation rentals which you established as a legal alternative.

By your discriminate choice without a grace period and public comment these future and current Islanders have been put in a major financial straight.

We are not boogie men coming here to rip off the public on housing.

We are caring thoughtful Hospitality managers who live here and vastly contribute to the community in which we live, who, by the way, spend hours of our days to make the Island experience a good thing for our visitors and neighbors.

We have scrubbed many a toilet to make sure that is true.

We are ambassadors of the Visitors Bureau that spends 100 times the money we spend in advertising.

When you speak of over tourism in your Resolution...are you speaking of shutting down the Visitor's bureau as well, they do more to get tourists here than any vacation rental advertisement.

Our associates have known to vacate their homes during the summer season to make the needed payments for their mortgage.

They are retired and some have no income but this.

And you, the council, during an unknown pandemic future of all islanders want to squash the hopes and dreams of those who voted for you and those that operate and manage vacation rentals so they can come here in the future and vote for you.

Most of the complaints you have received are from your inability to enforce the hundreds of rules you have established.

You have one enforcement officer who has to oversee building codes, dog pen construction, docks and every building code that is in violation.

The complaints and misrepresentations made by those who discriminately oppose this financial obligation of having a vacation rental, are doing much harm to our communities best interests. Both in community good and financial stability while looking into a very dark future here.

Please table this matter and proceed with the biggest issue...Corona Virus fixes.

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