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Council members,

I am writing to state my opposition to the vacation rental permit moratorium. Only 7% of properties in the county have vacation rental permits and not all of those are even active. That is a very small percentage of the total housing pool. Very few of the properties with a vacation rental permit would enter the long term housing pool as well. An additional 38% of properties in the county sit empty the majority of the year. These are houses without vacation rental permits. There is a lack of affordable housing in the islands, but stopping vacation rental permits from being issued will not help that. The moratorium is not and will not be a good thing for the islands.

Respectfully,

Pete Ancich