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I am in favor of locals owning vacation rentals. I am against non-county residents owning vacation rentals because the income leaves our county and hollows out our community. The number of empty homes on Orcas Island is sickening. The lack of long-term rentals for locals and workers is devastating for businesses and our local economy. I urge council to reform the system and no longer give out vacation rental permits to non-residents. I humbly suggest setting a yearly limit of vacation rental permits that would first go to county residents and then be divvied out via an annual lottery to everyone else.

Thank you for considering my request. I wish you a great day.

Natalie Menacho
Orcas Island Resident