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Sent By Email

Mr. Jamie Stephens  
Ms. Christine Minney  
Ms. Cindy Wolf

Dear Council Members:

When we first heard that a Moratorium was going to be in effect, we thought to ourselves, whew, we have our permit, so it will not affect us. However, the decisions made by you, our County Council and the Community Planning and Permit Center (CD&P) do affect all of us. To bring a Moratorium to our island now without the proper research is just wrong and would affect so many hardworking people. We would greatly appreciate it if you would please reconsider.

The San Juan Islands bring people from all over the world and we are very lucky to live in this wonderful and majestic part of the world. Couples with children that come and visit our islands do not want to rent hotel rooms, they want to stay in homes where rent is normally much less expensive for them.

We are proud to be owners of a home on San Juan and would like to share our home and island with the visitors who would like to come here. After we retired, we decided to make our home a vacation rental for extra income so we could travel in our RV. However, we primarily made our home a vacation rental so that when we die, our children will not have to sell this little piece of paradise. San Juan Property Management manages our home. Our kids will be able to rent it to cover the home's expenses. That is, of course, if the rules don't change about transferring ownership and the permit is allowed to "run with the Land" - which we believe the rules should not change. Has there been any thought to inheritance versus sale of a home? Does it really make a difference? I think an owner should be able to have a say if they want the permit to continue after they sell the property.

We don't believe there should be a set number of years a permit is good for as long as the owner is in yearly compliance. We paid good money for our permit and if we abide by the rules, we cannot understand why we would be unduly penalized. We worked hard for our home.

Compliance – has CD&P gone after the many vacation rentals that are not in compliance? It's just not fair to the rest of us who do comply. We think this should be the first step – instead of the Moratorium.

A CAP to the total number of vacation rentals – yes, we think we should have a CAP – but only after the proper research is completed. Maybe by neighborhoods? By percentages?

Is it so urgent that we need to do a Moratorium now before all this is done? Too many questions are unanswered. More work needs to be done – but not at the expense of the owners applying and trying to rent their homes.

Thank you for your time. Please reconsider your decision on a Moratorium. Many people's livelihoods depend on it.

Sincerely,

Toni Bailey