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Hello. I am writing to encourage SJCC and SJC Planning Commission to limit the number of vacation rentals on Lopez. I understand that at this point the recommendation may allow for far more VRs than currently exist. Lopez is in dire need of every available housing opportunity to meet current demand. VRs limit the number of year round housing options. Currently the new Principal on Lopez will be commuting from Bellingham due to limited year round housing options and many critically important workers are unable to find stable year round housing.

Lopez does not have adequate services nor infrastructure to meet the needs of an increased population due to VRs. Restaurants already cannot keep up with demand. It is already very difficult for residents to get on and off island on the ferries. And our public lands are being overused. Lopez prides our ability to care for our small community and lands. Expanded tourism through increased VRs erodes that quality that is so important.

Shaw and Waldron do not allow any VRs for similar reasons. They understand limits to growth and resist efforts that undermine their island quality of life.

I ask you to please disallow any increase in the number of VRs on Lopez.

Thank you,

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