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**Subject:** Re: VRBO's on Lopez

Thank you for your engagement. Currently there is no set limit on vacation rentals on any ferry served island except Shaw, which decided to ban them when the first Comprehensive Plan was adopted.

Please be sure to let your concerns be heard by the Planning Commission, which will be considering where caps should be set. Also, please let the other two Council members know where you stand. At this point, if we are to get any control over vacation rental permits, it appears caps are what my seat mates will agree to, and they need to hear from you what the right levels are for those caps.

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Dear County Council Members,

Please, please, please DO NOT raise the allowable numbers for VRBO's on Lopez. To do so does not make economic or moral sense. This is our home, our island, our life which we cherish more deeply than maybe many people can ever know. Right now, because of the lack of housing for our service people, our businesses cannot find help, a major reason being the reduction of rental housing and the increase of VRBO's. The amount of money the owners of the VRBO's are charging will pay off their mortgages in comparatively little time. It does nothing positive for our island life. It only makes the VRBO owners wealthy.

I would most respectfully suggest that the present number of existing VRBO permits be grandfathered in (to remain), and that there be no further increase of those allowable numbers in the future. We must do this or our island, as we

have come to love it, will be forever changed, and destroyed. Yes, we are the Friendly Isle and we wave, but it is OUR wave. I am a Lopezian. I once asked an old Lopezian icon (now passed), Otto Kjiergard, if having my wife buried at Center Church and planning to be buried there myself someday might just make me a Lopezian. He told me with that huge huge smile of his and his typical high voice "Oh yes, you're a Lopezian!" Eventually, there will be nothing to pass down to our children except a place for tourists. No more Lopez Wave, and no more Lopezians. We worry so much about our Resident Whales. Let's worry about our resident islanders. This is truly an existential issue. Please be wise.

Most respectfully,  
Lane Langford  
Lopez Island