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To: Vacation Rental Comments
Subject: FW: Please don't increase vacation rentals

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Lopez Island is in crisis. This is not the time to lift the moratorium on short term rentals.

More people, more crowding, and extremely limited numbers of long term rentals are preventing businesses from opening because workers can't find a place to live. If they're lucky enough to find a place they can't afford the cost of living when they're here.

Prices are rising along with the numbers of families supported by our local food bank.

We can no longer reliably commute from the island to jobs off island. Nor can off island workers commute to us.

There is nothing normal about these times and no telling when or if we will get back to normal.

Please don't add another massive change to our island by increasing long term rentals now.

I fear the impact on our quality of living. I fear the impact on the diversity of our community in every regard including economic diversity. I fear the impact on our environment. I fear the impact on our wonderful cohesiveness and caring.

We are known as the "Friendly Island". A deluge of short timers will subvert that as well. We don't want to resent our visitors. We want to welcome them. But how can we when their numbers and the issues they bring are so patently obvious.

The worst outcome from your deliberations would be to accept the proposed massive increase. I'm asking you to reject this proposal and at the very least give our community time to recover.

Thank you for considering my request.

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