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Date:08/16/2021  
From: Scott Spadafora, San Juan Island  
To: San Juan County Planning Commission and San Juan County Council  
Re: Vacation Rentals

Dear Lynda and SJC Council,

I am writing to you to express my support for a limit on vacation rentals in San Juan County.

I moved here in 1990 in hopes that my future would be quiet and peaceful, and that I would live in a community where I'd know my neighbors. In my particular part of the island (very sparsely populated) there are already 2 vacation rentals and plans for another. This results in more noise, more traffic, in and out, etc. I want 'real' people to live here!

This summer was the most crowded of my tenure here on the island. Tourists everywhere, inconsiderate bicyclists, problems getting ferry reservations, over-crowded restaurants, etc. What will we do when we can't get on and off the island?

One of my deepest fears is if I should ever be forced to move from my rental house. Will I be able to find another rental or will I have to move to the mainland?

The county must come up with a plan to limit vacation rentals. As far as I know, if you want a permit you can get a permit. Here are some of my ideas:

Jefferson County (Port Townsend) has a law that an owner must live on the property in order to rent out anything on it. This prevents corporations / absentee landlords from buying island homes explicitly as VRs. Then the operators of VRs must reap what they sow.

The county should set a maximum target (A) of VRs that is less than the number currently in operation (after subtracting those in the above paragraph). Any person who wants to operate a VR has 3 months to apply (with a time limit). After that any VR that ceases to operate reduces the total number of VRs until 'A' has been reached. New VRs will subsequently only be allowed when 'A' falls below its maximum.

I think this plan is fair in that it allows everyone who operates a VR to continue (less corporations, etc.), everyone who is thinking about it to apply, and it (however slowly) reduces the VRs in the county.

Something really needs to be done about this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Scott Spadafora