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I write to support the letter (located at <http://doebay.net/VR/PCCCaugle:er.pdf>) sent to you on 11 August 2021 from David Turnoy and others regarding the establishment of caps on VacaKon Rental Permits (VRPs) in San Juan County (SJC).

A recent letter by Janet Alderton has categorized the problem admirably. Hosted vs non-hosted. The Code has a category for owner occupied businesses. It is called Home Occupation. Owner is on site, there are traffic and noise regulations, and must fit in with the neighborhood. Non-hosted vacation rentals are a business. Past Council members have defined vacation rentals as a residential use. They are no more a residential use than a hotel or inn or bed and breakfast. Even in these categories the owner or manager is on site to tend to the guests. A non-hosted vacation rental is a business pure and simple. Off Island owners, many times incorporated, are in it as a business and run it as so. Many of them have little regard for the neighborhood or water or septic usage. Domestic wells for residential use are regulated by the

Department of Ecology. I do not think the use of domestic wells for the commercial use of vacation rentals would fit their definition of residential use. This Council must step up and regulate the business of vacation rentals differently from home occupied businesses (Home Occupation) in order to protect our island environment and neighborhoods. A moratorium on non-hosted vacation rentals is needed immediately.

Michael Durland