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Date: 8/16/2021

From: Steve & Linda Hulley, Orcas Island
To: San Juan County Planning Commission and San Juan County Council

Re: Establishment of fixed permanent caps on the total number of Vacation Rental Permits

We write to support the letter (located at [h:p://doebay.net/VR/PCCCaugle:er.pdf](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 Vacation Rental Permits (VRPs) in San Juan County (SJC).

We have lived on Orcas Island for 11 years. We moved here to enjoy the quiet, tranquil, rural, community-minded nature of Orcas. We are distressed to see the crowds. We are concerned about carrying capacity of the islands to provide sufficient water, waste water treatment, transportation safety as well as the negative impacts created by transient populations on noise levels, road and infrastructure impacts, and acceptable levels of commerce in activity centers. We are particularly concerned about the loss of community in our neighborhood and in the activity areas on Orcas Island.

Please pay great attention to setting appropriate caps that reduce the current negative impact of VRPs. Ensure that the data used to calculate caps is the most current and most accurate available; caps should be set no greater than the currently existing active and compliant VRP caps for each major island. Also ensure that these caps are permanent and that they are re-evaluated every few years to ensure that they are sufficiently restrictive to prevent the challenges that we have been facing for the past several years. Such re-evaluation should be done with the intention of lowering caps as needed to minimize if not eliminate the negative impact of over-tourism.

Thank you.

Steve & Linda Hulley

