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San Juan County Planning Commission
Cc: San Juan County Council, Lynda Guernsey

Dear San Juan County Planning Commission:

I am writing to share our thoughts on the ongoing vacation rental discussion.

I will try to be brief and not spend time sharing my interpretation of the data. I know that you are likely overwhelmed with “facts” or “opinion presented as fact”.

My opinion however is that you are being forced into a very difficult position by a group of passionate people who have decided that vacation rentals are the root cause of the many challenges facing not only San Juan County, but communities throughout our country.

I would ask that you step back and take perspective. The reality is that San Juan County enacted comprehensive vacation rental regulations in 2018 and we are only beginning to understand their impact. The enforcement of the existing regulation should be the immediate focus of the County, not the addition of additional regulation.

As a planning body you should be asking the Council to make sure the county staff is focused on cleaning up the current data management process in order to facilitate better decision making. As it stands the data is very flawed and not well understood.

In parallel you should be engaging with objective third parties to try and more deeply understand the issues. It might seem obvious, but a comprehensive plan requires more than just regulating short term vacation rentals.

Please do not be swayed by emotion. I encourage you to be the adults in the room and not make hasty decisions, such as caps, that could well have unintended consequences. Your role is to plan for the benefit of all, not just the most vocal.

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