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San Juan County Planning Commissioners

Ref. Vacation Rental Permit Holders

I am a Vacation Rental Permit Holder. I applied, paid for and received my permit in 2017.

A lack of affordable housing should not be a reason for decisions being made about Vacation Rentals. My husband and I have been residents for 35 years. Had we not found a place to live or were unable to find work to support us and our small child, our plan was to move back home to California and live with family until we could recover financially. If people moving to the island cannot find the housing to live here, they need to take ownership and plan for the alternative rather than place blame.

We struggled to maintain a life on this island and at one time worked five jobs between the two of us and used the Food Bank to support a life here. We weren't alone but we never blamed it on other people and their choices.

Your recent discussion regarding "caps" of vacation rentals should not even be a topic of conversation. The mere thought of making a distinction of "active" or inactive" vacation rentals are ridiculous when considering punishing those just because they haven't rented yet!

Our Vacation Rental Permit was paid for five (5) years ago! To be threatened with taking away our use of our paid permit is unreasonable and most likely unlawful.

Would you suggest that the overcrowded roadways were a result of too many drivers? And if one did not maintain a certain amount of "active" driving, one should be placed on a lottery before driving on the roads again?

Please consider rewarding those who follow the rules, who have jumped through the hoops and paid the fees to become vacation renters with good intentions, instead of punishing us.

Respectfully,

Leslie and Scott Brennan