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Hello,

My wife and I own a home on Orcas (6607 Olga Rd) with a compliant inactive vacation rental permit. We are writing regarding inaccuracies in your Draft resolution that was included with a memorandum dated Nov 23, 2021, and that you appear poised to adopt on 7 Dec, 2021.

Specifically, the "findings of fact" that point to "over tourism, over concentration of vacation rentals will negatively impact..." etc. I don't see any evidence to back up these "findings of fact." They are actually subjective judgements made by individuals with strong feelings and without supporting data.

The county instituted what we thought to be very sensible and easy to enforce standards just a couple of years ago. We were thrilled when we got the letter outlining the steps we needed to take in order for our vacation rental to be safe, accommodating to neighbors, and a positive part of Island life.

Subsequent to the implementation of the new rules, and amid a staffing shortage, the county missed an opportunity to enforce the new regulations and help provide a better experience for island visitors and locals. We strongly urge the county to allocate precious resources to enforcement of the well thought out existing regulations. Give them a chance to work before taking draconian measures in the form of caps and extending the moratorium.

Thanks you for your time.

Geoff and Adrian Cunard