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Dear San Juan County Council Members,

We need to stick to factual data in evaluating the impact of all transient lodging and camping facilities on the local community:

How do hotels, resorts, campgrounds and vacation rentals impact the local economy in aggregate: ferry capacity, local business revenue, lodging tax, community structure. It is unfair to assume all problems originate only from vacation rentals.

Understand that vacation rentals provide a broad economic value to the island economy from property management services, high wage cleaning jobs, gardening services, contracting services, restaurant, shop and grocery revenue and other goods and services needed to maintain a property or support guest lodging. Additionally, annual compliance and permit fees and lodging taxes contribute to the county revenue.

Instead of lumping all vacation rentals together as the only problem expand compliance to other facilities. While I rigorously complied with all covid related occupancy limits and lost revenue in the process, I heard of local resorts continuing to operate at full capacity. I also follow all permitting and compliance regulations fully. Are non permitted vacation rentals being investigated to protect those of us who are paying the fees and following the rules? Are repeat violaters of noise and other ordinance issues being addressed? Is there adequate county staffing to check compliance of all transient rentals to allow identification of problem businesses?

I am on the homeowner's board in my community as a means of staying in touch with the impact, if any, that my vacation rental has on the community. We enjoy coming to use our house on a very regular basis and have been happy to meet and establish relationships with our neighbors. Vacation rental properties do not preclude developing a sense of community. Is there documentation to support the statement that vacation rentals are outnumbering local residents and do these numbers include hotels and resorts as part of the count? Would the county limit resort and hotel occupancy to correct an imbalance in addition to putting a moratorium on vacation rentals?

Please stick to actual data and documented concerns rather than relying on rumor or anecdotal evidence. Please also look at the impact of all tourist lodging on the island and do not single out one type for excess blame.

With best regards,  
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