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I am adamantly in opposition to the County's push to extend and/or expand the vacation rental permit moratorium and/or set caps on vacation rentals. Not even one study of the situation in San Juan County has been done during the original moratorium nor the extension. The claims made by those against VR's are baseless. None of them are supported by any data whatsoever. Many who disagree with these unbacked claims are unaware of what is happening or are silent for other reasons. You, the council, are responsible to act in the interest of all of us, not engage in a knee-jerk response to a vocal segment. You are responsible to seek out the views of all of us.

The 2018 regulations address most of the concerns of those against VR's. Are they not aware of them? I believe they need to be educated in what the 2018 regulations entail. These regulations need only to be allowed to work and be enforced.

As far as losing a sense of community, I have lived in several neighborhoods without VR's. Everyone is busy living their own lives. I never felt a sense of community. That's what I have experienced and that's fine.

Each island should be looked at on an individual basis. They are all different. Nothing should be done to regulate the entire county as a whole.

Stop wasting valuable time and money discussing VR's when it could be better used to find solutions to affordable housing. VR's DO NOT affect affordable housing. If any studies had been done you would see that this is true.

Again, I am adamantly opposed to both the moratorium and caps. Please take the comments from those opposed to moratorium and caps under serious consideration and be sure to study precedence to actions taken against VR's. It will save you valuable time and money in the future.

Thank you,

Susan York  
San Juan Island



Currently only 4% of the housing units on the island are active compliant VR's.



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