

Dear Planning commission,

I am writing this to help you understand our very unique community. I understand that the hope of reducing vacation rentals will allow more people to find affordable housing. Unfortunately many of the properties that are currently vacation home are still going to be financially out of reach for the very people we are trying the most to help. I would also like to bring to your attention that many of the small Air B&B properties are actually a source of income for many families. I do not feel that the people who invested in their properties and count on the income produced should be punished. Managing an air B&B is an outstanding way to produce income and jobs for many mothers who need a flexible job that also allows them to care for their families. We can not look at vacation rentals only as housing but must realize that they are also providing jobs for many people. What we really need is more housing. Many people don't even want to build because the process is so frustrating.

I hope this provides some insight to our local housing issue. I am a lifelong resident, business owner, Realtor, and have also owned rental properties. ( Not vacation rentals.)

Regards,

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