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From: Linda Jo Stern <lindajostern@gmail.com>
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To: bos; pbscommissions
Subject: Short Term Rental Ordinance

Good afternoon. I would like to strongly urge you to adopt an ordinance for our county that will begin to reduce the number of houses that are available for short term rentals which, in turn, will open up sorely needed housing for people who live here on the coast. I live in Fort Bragg and for the six years I have lived here, including the 4 years I worked in the Street Medicine Program and at the Family Resource Center, I have seen and heard the terribly difficult stories of individuals and families not being able to find a place to live. Not only has this shortage affected people who live here and have for years, but it affects new folks who want to come to Fort Bragg, including medical and dental providers, nurses, teachers and police and fire officials, etc.

I don't think I need to list all of the positive reasons that people should have a place to live, especially for their children. Shelter is key to good mental and physical health. There are many ways to improve housing stock, but this ordinance is a very positive and do-able step to open up more places for people to live.

Thank you for your serious consideration.

Sincerely,
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