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Dear Planning Commissioners:

I support the establishment of caps on active and compliant vacation rentals, both countywide and island by island. But the date of the imposition of these caps should be a fixed date — for example, the August 20, 2021, date that the Vacation Rental Working Group advocates — not whenever the ordinance takes effect. The latter date will stimulate a big rush to obtain permits in the coming months, which should be avoided, especially for already overloaded Orcas Island.

I furthermore advocate that permits be retired when the permit-holder/property owner sells the property, as one way to reduce the number of VR permits in existence. Such a measure would help to alleviate the overloading here on Orcas Island and probably elsewhere.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely, Michael Riordan
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