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Attached please find my written comments to the San Juan Planning Commission in connection with its hearing tomorrow, February 18, 2022 regarding short-term vacation rental permits.

Thank you.

Judy Scott
Olga, WA.

To: The San Juan County Planning Commission

Dated: February 17, 2022

Re: Proposed Findings to Support a Reasonable Cap on New Short-Term Vacation Rental Permits

As a resident of San Juan County, I urge the Planning Commission to **freeze the number of short-term vacation rental (VR) permits at the “Active and Compliant” number of 413**, along with the associated island-specific caps.

For more than three years, concerned members of our community have raised the critical need to address the detrimental impact of the number of short-term vacation rentals already operating in our neighborhoods. Short-term vacation rentals are high-traffic, high-turnover, public-facing business operations that enter uninvited into our residential neighborhoods. Given the fragility of our island’s natural resources, our already stressed transportation infrastructure (including ferries), and the vital importance of maintaining the quality of community life for county residents, we need our local government to responsibly limit the expansion of the short-term vacation rental market. In reaching your recommendation, I urge the Planning Commission to adopt the proposed findings of fact and permit cap of 413 submitted for your consideration by the Vacation Rental Working Group, c/o Anne Marie Shanks.

Thank you for hearing our voices.

Judy Scott

Olga, Washington