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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on an issue that warrants many perspectives and attention.

Please cap the vacation rental permits to the number permitted and in compliance as of July 2021.

A cap on vacation rentals provides a component to manage the number of short-term vacation rentals which can affect sustainable carrying capacity for the land and the community. A limit will ensure a manageable number of permitted vacation rentals which should allow the necessary time and attention, by a competent county staff, to effectively monitor and enforce regulations and compliance; and ensure responsive accountability to address issues that may arise like environmental impact, neighborhood degradation, water and energy use, waste and noise.

The data thus far collected underscores and trend and highlights abuses or disregard for neighborly consideration and compliance with rules. The data also reflects upon community needs, to both earn a living and enjoy a traditional neighborhood. More broadly, data underscores our island community is not alone—the actions taken by communities with similar tourism-based needs and issues provides evidence that a limit will have various positive impacts.

I support vacation rentals which were locally owned and managed. More specifically those in which the owners live at least seasonally in the county and manage their own property. Research shows that an individual vested in the community is more accountable.

Thank you for your time, Michel Vekved