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Dear County Councilors,

After a group from Lopez investigated the ownership of short-term vacation rentals on Lopez and found that greater than 70 % were owned by out-of-county entities, I began paying attention to news that investor groups are buying residential housing in places with hot real estate markets and using the housing for short-term vacation rentals. This is a perfect description of the housing market conditions in San Juan County.

Sometimes Market Forces need to be tempered by regulations.

This is one of those times in San Juan County.

Especially on my home island of Orcas.

Please adopt island-specific caps on the number of short-term vacation rental permits using the numbers of active and compliant permits from July 2021.

Thank-you for all your attention that you have given to this issue.

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