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Dear County Council Members Wolf, Stephens and Minney,

I'm writing to urge you to please cap the number of short-term vacation rental permits at the July, 2021 level of "Active and Compliant" permits, and to recognize that limits to the penetration and expansion of vacation rentals in our island neighborhoods are vital to the health of our communities in San Juan County.

In the last couple of weeks I have learned of three friends who are in danger of needing to move out of San Juan County, and possibly out of the state, because they cannot find a place to live. All have been living in SJC for several years. Two of these three friends have children that have been growing up in our communities. I care a lot about these people and I believe losing them is a real loss for our county.

I've listened to testimonies about whether or not vacation rentals impact the availability of long-term rentals in SJC. I believe they do, in addition to impacting the quality of life of permanent SJC residents who want to live in neighborhoods with people they know who are invested in our neighborhoods, communities and county.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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