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To the council and especially to Christine Minney, our council rep on San Juan Island.

My husband and I thank you for your attention to affordable housing and vacation rentals. These are two very separate issues that nevertheless cannot each be considered in isolation. Those of us who have purchased real estate property in the County for any reason in the last few years have payed the REET tax, often to the tune of thousands of dollars.

Please keep us informed as to the responsible use of these funds. We find information lacking. A vacation rental permit is a valuable asset to a property. We have an unused but up to date/compliant permit on our residence which has been in existence for this house for 20 plus years. Please do not erase these inactive permits, they should follow along with any property sale as long as permit is kept up to date. We own a second house on the lot next door that we would like to remodel as fully ADA accessible and rent vacation rental only to parties requiring accessibility. We have a disabled family member and find this type of rental nearly impossible to find when traveling. We would like to provide that service here for others. Please consider accessibility when considering rental caps. Please consider the number of vacation rentals already in any given neighborhood or area. Any caps considered should be hyper local, not island or County wide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sheila and Dave Aas

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