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To the county council

We have lived full time in the county for almost 25 years now and have seen and been saddened by the rapid growth especially with vacation rental permits on San Juan island.

We already have way way too many rentals in the rural areas of the island now. It's ruined the community rural feeling and creates noise and disturbances in what used to be quiet rural areas. We fortunately only have one adjoining property that is a vacation rental and that has caused us problems with fires even in the times when fire hazards are listed as high. The landlord just says it's in a fire pit so ignores any burn ban. Also these firepits have led to drunken parties around it which leads to screaming, continuing laughing loud and repeatedly amid music from electronic devices, all noises which disturb our peace at night so we can't sit outside or even have windows open at times in the summer. All these vacation rentals also use our water in careless ways and that is a key finite resource.

Please listen to the local voters who have lived here a long time or been born here and not the almighty dollar driving newer residents and big businesses like Airbnb and stop allowing more vacation rentals.

Sincerely;  
Bridget and Joe Tein