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I am so grateful the county council has voted to implement a vacation rental moratorium. Twenty-five years ago my husband and I bought a home in a small, residential community of owner-occupied homes. Today, our house is in a commercial zone of several vacation rentals.

Vacation rentals have multiple negative impacts—traffic, noise, over-use of water, disregard for community norms, and more, but to me, the greatest impact is the loss of community. When neighborhoods are hollowed out by vacation rentals, we lose the very foundation of rural life--neighbors helping neighbors and caring for their community. Please vote to sustain the moratorium and to implement a cap on permits at today's levels, and to insure that permits are issued to people and do not run with the land.

Thank you for your service!
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