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Hello. We are homeowners who built on Orcas in 2010 and retired here in 2014. When two large houses in our small neighborhood of 4 homes turned to vacation rentals we were dismayed! When they turned back to resident-owners we were greatly relieved. Our friends living in other neighborhoods have not been so lucky!

However, we also have a daughter and son-in-law who own local businesses and are raising their family here. We understand that MANY islanders need income from visitors to be able to live here... Therefore, we are in favor of **Islanders** operating VRs. We are **strongly against** allowing out of County individuals or entities from operating VRs. Furthermore, there are already **too many** VRs and **not enough** housing for families. Therefore we do not believe that rental permits should be continued when a house is sold. Over time, such a policy could help balance our community. With more opportunities to work from home, more housing would attract more families to the islands and reverse the trend of a vacation heavy economy that creates a boom and bust environment that is not family friendly. Thank you.

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