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To the county council - I request that my comments following be read into the record.

I believe the moratorium should be continued as long as necessary to allow for a comprehensive, public, transparent and inclusive analysis of the impact of vacation rentals on all aspects of island life, and establishment of a long-term plan that appropriately considers maintenance of that quality of life.

Factors to consider:

- Strain on island infrastructure and environment due to increased population (transient and permanent).
- Impact of short term renters/visitors on longer term/full time residents (noise, traffic, quality of life, privacy).
- Need for tourism to support the local economy.
- Alternatives or additional economic channels (besides tourism) that could be encouraged to allow the islands to be more economically self sufficient without increasing tourism.
- Ways to fairly and effectively limit or cap tourism.
- Cost of housing for local workforce.
- Not unreasonably infringing on homeowners' rights to do as they wish with their property.

We need a thoughtful, transparent and inclusive process. I encourage consideration and compromise between opposing viewpoints (VR Working Group and Hosting on the Rock).

Respectfully,

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