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I'm a full time resident of Lopez Island. I am opposed to the plan to increase vacation rentals on Lopez Island. We already have an affordable housing problem (shortage) here. Adding more vacation rentals will only exacerbate the situation. We have two restaurants here on Lopez that cannot reopen due to the unavailability of staff to hire. This summer our island is being overrun with visitors. The newly hired School superintendent is commuting from a motel in Bellingham because he cannot find permanent housing. We need more long term housing here not more vacation rentals.

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