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As a full time resident of Lopez Island, I was shocked to receive a notice that the County Council is considering a vote next week to increase vacation rentals on this island. This last year has been difficult enough with the pandemic and its consequences for residents and businesses. The ferry system has not yet been able to fill its ranks of employees and boats are being canceled or delayed daily. The wait for Lopez Only ferries with a reservation are up to one and two hours. There is no advantage in residency in procuring a reservation. An influx or more tourists will continue to stress the local population by affecting the ferries, our precious resources and the basic enjoyment of less traveled roads and facilities. PLEASE do not increase the already stressed situation the island is facing after more than a year of the pandemic. Please vote against this proposition - or at least advertise that this action is going to take place so more citizens can respond.

Thank you

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