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Hello Planning Commission!

Thank you for addressing this important topic!

I feel incredibly concerned that the rise of AirBnB and other internet-based vacation rental sites has created a surge in long-term islander housing being converted to vacation rentals.

The housing crisis in San Juan County has reached a tipping point. All businesses are short-staffed and morale among workers is low. The county's housing stock is being eaten up by vacation rentals. It's tough to have more tourists here, but be without the workers needed to actually serve their needs.

I fully support capping vacation rentals and urge you to do the same. I also think putting a vacation rental tax to benefit the development of long-term rentals for locals would be awesome too!

Thank you for considering my views and for devoting your valuable time and energy toward improving our county!

All the best,
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