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Dear Council,

I'm against the VR moratorium.

Here we are again going over the same old arguments that have already been gone over many times. And the County has come up with no research to resolve this vacation rental issue. Instead, we get the same old tired and false arguments from the (anti)Vacation Rental Work Group.

But research has been done by the Hosting on the Rock group, that disproves all of the VR Work Group's falsehoods. None of us like the over-tourism or the lack of housing that is negatively affecting our island. But neither of these will be affected at all by capping VR's.

There are things that could solve these problems. Over-tourism can be lessened by stopping the Visitors Bureau advertising, and finding a way to stop big hospitality companies from coming in. Affordable housing can be solved by requiring businesses to house their own employees and by the County's affordable housing program.

But ironically the only result of the moratorium so far is the rush for new VR permits – 52 of them since the start of the moratorium. It's like after each school shooting when people rush to buy guns because they fear new gun regulations. That's probably not the result in any of us wanted to see.

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