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Council, we are opposed to Short term rental caps and another moratorium.

Our experience as hosts of STR's and LTR's have made no difference. Our renters were harassed either way, not the other way around, and we were vilified to the point of selling our home for double it's worth instead of renting a few times a year to pay for our expenses. We had always planned to retire there when we could. Instead we have taken our profits and moved to another neighborhood in hopes of renting short term on the weeks we aren't able to be on SJI. The sale of our home will now increase the property taxes for the neighborhood as a whole and make living on SJI even more unaffordable.

SJI needs tourism for the community to be sustained. SJI doesn't have enough hotel capacity. I truly believe STR's will help the community more than detract from it. It is a way for the local homeowners to support themselves while also sharing a beautiful place. STR's have gotten a bad rap. Most of the renters are middle aged people with families wanting to enjoy the beauty of the Islands, not partygoers. As hosts we only had 1 renter that was called out for "loud laughing on the deck". The only way our neighbors new we had rented was by seeing a different car in the driveway which shouldn't cause distress to the neighborhood. All our renters ST and LT were lovely respectful people. Much nicer than the full time neighbors. I could go on and on with examples of our rude neighbor and have testimony from our renters to back that up, but there isn't enough time to explain it all!

Bottom line, SJI is a beautiful place and it should be shared with all, not just a select few. STR's and hosts are being targeted unfairly. Please revisit your stance on this issue.

Thank you for you time,  
Mike and Dana

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