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Councilors Minney & Stephens,

Please have mercy for Orcas Island.

We are at the epicenter of the short-term vacation rental impacts.

We appreciate Councilor Wolf standing up for our island!

I do not understand where the compromise would lie in setting an Orcas VR cap around 500.

The unsuitability of choosing 500 has been explained clearly by Councilor Wolf:

Matthew Gilbert reporting:

"At the recent April meeting, Wolf noted that with 5,000 residential units on Orcas, the number of permitted VRs of 508 in "compromise" Option D would represent 10% of all homes. Given that 40% of those 5,000 units are summer-only, however, that 508 becomes 15%. And, she continued, if that 500 was to turn over every week in the high season, it would (hypothetically) fill 10 ferries. "The pain (on Orcas) started back in 2019," she said, when the number of active and compliant rentals was barely above 200 on Orcas. Minney and Stephens were not impressed and continued to push back."

If you feel that your constituents on Lopez and San Juan Islands are fine with the higher proposed numbers, then it is within your powers to decide for your home islands.

But please have mercy for Orcas Island and listen to Councilor Wolf.

Thank-you for your attention to this important decision.

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