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Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 8:18 AM
To: Lydia Miller
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Subject: RE: Vacation rentals

Hello,

I have received your letter and am forwarding it to the SJC Council for the May 17 public hearing on vacation rentals.

Yours,

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Ingrid,

Can you please submit and read this letter at the May 17 meeting?
Am I sending it to the right email?

Thank you!

Lydia Miller

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Dear County Council members,

I would like to urge you to oppose a moratorium on vacation rental permits.

Vacation rentals generate a huge amount of income and jobs on the islands. If you are not dependent or involved in the tourism business it is easy to overlook this.

I have a number of friends who depend on the income from vacation rentals or they would not be able to live on Orcas.

As a real estate agent I talk to clients that can only afford to purchase a property if they can rent out the house when they are not there. These houses would NEVER be year round rentals as the owners want the option of staying there.

My vacation rentals contribute tens of thousands of dollars every year of taxes. They have enabled my husband and I to live on Orcas for over 30 years and raise three children here. I employ a number of people to help clean and maintain them. These are the working class of the island that depend on these jobs. A moratorium on vacation rentals will hurt the people the anti vacation rental contingency supposedly wants to help.

Thank you for your hard work and thoughtful consideration.

Lydia Miller