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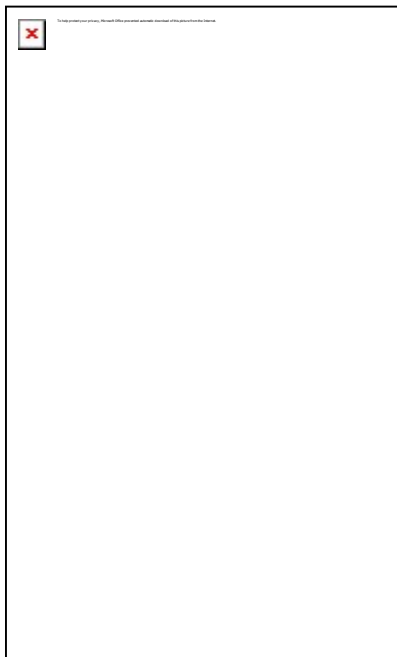
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Dear Christine, Cindy and Jamie,

During the public comment on April 5th, 2022, Greg Oaksen spoke about his “*road having 7 homes with 3 vacation rentals*”. Saying “*an increased loss of sense of neighborhood and community on Orcas.*”

Since VR supporters have been asking for more data, I thought I'd dig into his claim and get the facts. Here's what I found:

I looked at the road in question and determined that since there is another road off that road with no other access, there are actually 10 homes and 5 VR. (Parker Reef and Downwind) on Orcas. These lots range from 5 acres up to the largest at 8.9 acres.



## 5 Vacation Rental Permits:

2 are INACTIVE –The inactives hold onto theirs for the option of renting if they need to. *They have never had a complaint nor have they had an issue with those who are active.*

One said once in a while people wander up their road, but I suspect after the calls I have made with the VR owners, that will not be happening anytime in the future.

For the remaining 3 ACTIVE :

#1 has not been rented in two years and has someone living there long term at this time. They are listed as out of compliance, and the owner states she has never received any communication from the County regarding filing a report each year. *She has never had any issue/complaints from neighbors or any with the other vacation rentals.*

#2 is rented April - May (3 night min) and late May - Sept (4 nite min) April -Sept and sometimes holidays. Never any complaint to the property or to any other VR on the road.

#3 is rented Summers, sometimes holidays with a 5 night minimum. Never any complaint to the property or to any other VR on the road.

Two **active Anti VRWG members** live on this road, Greg Oaksen and Diane Berreth at the end of the road. They keep complaining how VRs' deteriorate the neighborhood but they have never complained about any of the VR's on this road, according to the owners/managers.

**This is just one example that shows how anecdotal stories lose their emotional impact when the facts are evaluated.**

Might I reiterate that these people were ALL tourists here at one time.  
Tourists have been coming here for OVER 100 YEARS.

Respectively,

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