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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to address two issues facing you in tomorrow's meeting. I will try and be brief as I know you have been presented many arguments on the first topic, and the second topic does not appear to warrant much discussion.

First, on the Vacation Rental Cap, I urge you to reject any proposed cap.

The Council is being forced to make a decision that will have unknown impact to the islands without clear evidence that it will benefit anyone. It (the cap) is being driven by an inflexible contingent who simply have a dislike for vacation rentals and a bunch of theories on why they are bad.

The county should focus on enforcement of the 2018 regulations which are proving to be effective. IF you insist on placing an arbitrary cap, I hope that you will chose one that allows for individuals who do not yet have a permit to obtain one. By removing this option entirely, you may cause someone to lose their house; this should not be taken lightly.

Secondly, I am writing to express my support for Steve Smith on the Planning Commission. I have watched many hours of the Commission's meetings and I have never witnessed the behavior described in your last meeting. He is always well prepared and unfailingly polite and professional.

It seems to me that he is owed an apology for having his character maligned in such an off-hand manner.

Regards,

Bob Frangooles, San Juan Island