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PLEASE, cap the level of vacation rental permits! As the numbers continue to multiply, we are experiencing, both personally and professionally, the negative impacts. What we need is more affordable housing - for all those who provide services to the community - nurses, teachers, plumbers, electricians, restaurant workers, etc. These types of critical members of our community are increasingly unable to buy or rent housing. And the plethora of vacation rentals is not helping. We have had excellent teacher candidates turn down employment offers due to lack of housing. My daughter works at the Family Resource Center and has many heartbreaking stories to tell of local workers, employed full time in service, construction, and technical jobs, who are living in tents. Of course we need housing for tourists - our economy depends on them - but far more critical is our need to adequately house our own, contributing and productive members of our community!

Most sincerely
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I believe that the world was created and approved by love, that it subsists, coheres, and endures by love, and that, insofar as it is redeemable, it can be redeemed only by love. -- Wendell Berry