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Good day,

Homes are for living in.

I feel I have been very lucky in my housing journey in HumCo as I have never experienced homelessness and currently find myself party to homeownership vis a vis my partner in Eureka proper. I have nevertheless found myself in unideal housing situations caused by a lack of diverse housing options that can accommodate people of limited means, who have pets, and who would prefer to live alone or with just their partner. In my current line of work I have seen homes that would be perfect for a family to purchase or rent turned into short term rentals (STR)s. There are of course many properties in unincorporated county that are ideal for STR use but these are properties that wouldn't provide a resident with a reasonable commute to work or school and are also scenic and have something special about them. Properties like some in northern coastal county or ranches are good candidates in my opinion.

My perspective is that housing is first and foremost for living in and only secondarily is it appropriate to use a home as a passive income investment. It's important that the opportunity to buy or rent a home be available to as many people as possible. Housing accessibility is a core component of building an economy that works for it's average participant, not just the ownership class.

STRs should be on located where your average resident wouldn't seek to live. Perhaps people who have second homes in the area could use them as STRs as this wouldn't cause further displacement and have econ. benefits.

At the end of the day: hotels exist.

That's all I have to say about that.

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