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I am a Eureka resident and have been for the last six years. This place has become my home. It's people have become my people, and I have no desire to ever move away. I say as someone who has lived all over the country that this place is very special. I hope that is an opinion shared by the members of the city council.

With that said, I have been at or close to the poverty line for most of my time here. While I have never been homeless, I have had a lot of luck with my housing situations. Most of the housing in the area is wildly unaffordable to me. Between that and my disability limiting me to ground floor dwellings, the options for viable places to live are few and far between.

Every house someone buys and rents out to rich vacationers for a few days or weeks at a time is a house that isn't being occupied by someone who makes their life here in Humboldt. This house will sit empty for weeks and months at a time while hundreds of Humboldt residents sleep in hedges and on street corners.

I urge the county to enforce the Short Term Rental Ordinance. Humboldt county homes are for Humboldt county residents. Let those who come to visit us patronize our hotels and campgrounds. The people who own these short term rentals will simply have to make due on the income from regular landlording, rather than short term landlording. I doubt they will wind up sleeping in a gutter like so many Humboldt residents currently do.