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Dear Humboldt County Planning Commissioners,

I just watched your latest meeting regarding the proposed 2% cap on short term rentals in the county. Being a long term home owner in Westhaven, I was so excited to hear that this was finally happening as I've been complaining about them for over a decade. (Please scroll through my Facebook page: Save Westhaven from Vacation Rentals and White Collar Greed) for more information.

Throughout the last decade, I was surrounded on three sides by vacation rentals. (A good, long term neighbor was even evicted so the new owner could turn his home into an STR.) My children and I suffered from the constant flow of strangers. They had so many loud parties, trespassed on my property, urinated on my property along with their dogs, were disruptive and disrespectful and did not care that people were trying to sleep or just enjoy life next door. (My children were subjected to hearing foul language along with loosing sleep. They went to school exhausted because of this.) I constantly contacted the property managers or the owners of the properties and was routinely gaslit. I was basically told that my complaints were all in my head! These profiteers only care about making money. Period.

Humboldt County is in desperate need of housing stock. Both Westhaven and Trinidad need REAL neighbors back. Kids can't even trick or treat here anymore! There aren't enough homes lived in by REAL neighbors. Parents have to take their kids to McKinleyville or Arcata to celebrate Halloween.

I'm happy to report that the last STR on my street has been shut down and is being sold. But, I'm told that the new buyers are from Maryland and wanted it to remain completely furnished. I certainly hope that doesn't mean another STR is returning!

Westhaven is a good place to live but there is no available housing here anymore. It has been gobbled up by the profiteers and their STR's.

Please do the right thing here and apply the 2% cap on STR's across the board in all of Humboldt County. Give Westhaven back its community and give our community back the reason we live here: Peaceful living among the redwoods.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mara Parker
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