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February 1, 2018 Meeting in S. Lake Tahoe Regarding Vacation Home Rentals

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Dear Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

I write today to share my thoughts about vacation home rentals in unincorporated South Lake Tahoe. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the February 1 meeting.

I own a home directly next door to a full time vacation home rental - this home was recently purchased by the current owners solely as a vacation home rental. The owners own at least two other VHRs in the Tahoe Basin. While the owners appear to be lovely people, they are running a hotel in a residential neighborhood.

This home is used quite frequently by out of town guests (the house is advertised on AirBNB) and often times the number of guest is far more than the county limit of 12. The house's backyard and deck are less than 25 feet from our bedroom. I have had to ask guests several times to keep it down (generally at hours past midnight). Over the New Year's holiday weekend last month, there were 8 cars parked at the house on the dirt, on the street and in the small driveway (again, against county regulations).

I am generally an advocate of private property rights, but when the rights of one set of people infringe on the rights of others, this is where problems start. As you look at possible new regulations of VHRs, you might look to the City of South Lake Tahoe who is now using dedicated personnel to monitor VHRs in the city, funded by VHR fees. You might also consider a limitation on the number of nights a homeowner can offer their property for short terms rentals. Existing zoning laws should also guide the conversation - county personnel would not allow me to run an auto repair business out of my residential home so why should another person, in the same residential neighborhood, be allowed to operate what any reasonable person would describe as a hotel.

Thank you for taking the time to read and incorporate this feedback.

Respectfully,

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