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Cc: Sue Novasel <novasel@aol.com>, Joseph Filipko <JoeFilipko@gmail.com>, Shannon Witt <shannon@realtordeb.com>, Sharon Kerrigan <sharon@staor.org>

Dear Sue Novasel,

The South Tahoe Association of REALTORS® leadership is in support of the proposed Code Ordinance changes for Vacation Home Rentals to be considered on August 28th. It is too soon to move forward with ideas such as a "cap" on VHR permits or setting the maximum occupancy at a VHR as 12, and we thank you for taking those off the table. The Board of Supervisors recently implemented changes to the rules as well as the department(s) that will handle issuing permits and enforcement. We encourage allowing time for these changes to be put into place and work, and then determine if adjustments are needed.

To that end, we advocate that the County prioritize tracking and enforcement of resident complaints. We support increasing fees to fund this effort. Code Enforcement Officers for the County areas in the Tahoe Basin could be shared with the City. We encourage the County to contract with a company such as Host Compliance that can provide a 24-hour Call Center, and expedite handling complaints and dispatch of personnel to investigate and enforce any code violations. Perhaps the County and City could consider the economy of scale of a shared contract with Host Compliance, as the program has been effective for the City.

We believe that there are a bad actors that are causing the majority of problems, but understand that for those residents dealing with nuisances, it only takes one to make it unbearable. Nuisance code violations must be handled swiftly and effectively to ensure that everyone is playing by the rules equitably. The goal is to preserve peace in our neighborhoods, while allowing the niche industry of Vacation Home Rentals to contribute to a thriving tourism economy in our community.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this process to find reasonable, workable solutions.

Joe Filipko, 2018 President

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All the best,

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