

Public Comment #28
BOS RCW. 9-10-24



Dear El Dorado County Ag Commissioner LeeAnne Mila,

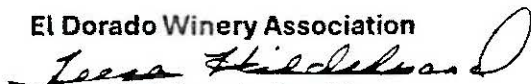
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El Dorado Winery Association


Teena Hildebrand – President



Tim Mittelstaedt – Vice President & Secretary

Date: 9/7/2024



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Fair Play Winery Association

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Hello Supervisors,

I own a vacation home outside of South Lake Tahoe. My family regularly uses the home, and we rent it out as a short term rental to friends/family and on AirBnB.

We are friends with our neighbors and have never had any complaints in the ~5 years we have rented the property.

Regarding the proposed changes to the VHR ordinance.... No rationale is cited for the reduction in occupancy from 2 guests per bedroom plus 2, to only 2 per bedroom. The reduction is not tied to any life safety concern, and is counter to why people rent vacation homes in the first place.

We have recent friends/families that have rented our home to vacation together, who would no longer be able to get together in our home because..... why? Taking away occupancy from homes that can comfortably and safely host their current allowance seems to be just an attack on short term home rentals.

Please don't try to force STR homes to be hotels... they are used differently. There is no safety concern you are solving by the occupancy change. You already have noise, parking, and event rules, so why punish family gatherings?

respectfully,

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