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**Pete Ballew** <pjb184@yahoo.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Thu, Nov 12, 2020 at 5:21 PM

Hello. My name is Pete Ballew, and I would like to state I am speaking on behalf of myself and no one else or entity.

I am a co-owner of a VHR at 1312 Pine Valley, South Lake Tahoe. As responsible owners, we appreciate the work you've done to maintain accountability with Vacation Home Rentals. While I'm not sure a limit on the numbers VHRs won't come without legal challenge, that's not why I'm writing to you. I have a recommendation to be included in the ordinance revision, and a comment about one part of the process that should be revisited.

In the ordinance, there is wording about the local contact "visiting the site if necessary." I believe there should be a word or sentence added like "...if necessary, and if the local contact feels they can do so safely..." or something like that.

In terms of the process, while I think we all appreciate the necessity to have a fire and life safety inspection, I say it again. The fire department is charging too much for it. Perhaps you could make the re-inspection every 36 months, and get the FD to lower their rate. It's a money grab. When they inspected our home (3.5 bedroom, 2.5 bath), they were there for a total of 8 minutes, and that's because I spent about 3 minutes privately with the Captain after they completed the inspection shaming his department for charging so much. They checked the windows, tested the smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detector, front and back door and looked at our signage. 5 minutes. Over \$600.00. I was in public service for over 30 years, and this FD fee is an unwarranted money grab.

The fees associated with business license, planning department review, and TOT process seemed reasonable to me.

The planner I met with was very helpful, and I think I can speak for many VHR owners who would be complimentary of the County staff during the application/renewal process. I also think I can speak for many VHR owners who would complain about the excess fees charged by the Fire Department. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Pete Ballew

Proud member of the Kiwanis Club of San Leandro



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## Vhr's in the tahoe basin

1 message

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**Mike Rich** <tahoemassage@sbcglobal.net>  
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Fri, Nov 13, 2020 at 5:45 AM

Hello, I live in Montgomery estates. There are twelve houses on our street. Bob McIntyre built a huge Vhr (hotel) right across the street from me. This commercial business totally ruined the quiet enjoyment of our neighborhood. Our cc&r's state that there are to be no lodging houses in our neighborhood.

How can the board of supervisors ignore this law?

Now you are trying to put a cap on vhr's. This is too little too late. They should never have been allowed in the first place. Do the right thing, admit this has been a horrible mistake, and ban these commercial buildings in our residential neighborhoods.

Thank you

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Sent from my iPad