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To: SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org

Dear District Supervisor Carbajal,

We have been following the issue of special events in local media and find it to be of concern. **This letter is in support of closing the loopholes regarding the commercial use of residential homes.**

We all have a reasonable expectation that our residential areas will not be used for commercial purposes that directly oppose property rights, disrupting the peace and impacting the character of residential neighborhoods.

Aside from taking away from the enjoyment of the neighborhoods that we all work so hard to be a part of, there are significant health and safety issues involved in allowing commercial enterprise in residential areas. Traffic congestion, parking issues, noise, and litter are serious problems. Our neighborhoods were simply never designed for this kind of use.

We are speaking here strictly about commercial, for-profit use of short-term rentals. Homeowner gatherings, parties, and weddings have always been a part of our residential communities and are in keeping with a vibrant and connected circle. It is when the for-profit element is introduced by way of film shoots, wedding/event houses, and corporate retreats that the problems begin.

We continue to support the exemption of charitable, non-commercial events in this regard, as long as there are permits required when attendance levels exceed the limit and there is no compensation to the host or homeowner outside of expenses incurred in putting on the non-commercial event.

We appreciate your time with this issue and respectfully ask that you consider our thoughts on keeping commercial enterprise out of residential neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

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