

Public Comment - HACSB

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Please see our comments attached. Thank you.

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May 25, 2017

County of Santa Barbara, Board of Supervisors
Attn: County Clerk
105 E. Anapamu St. 4th floor
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Short-Term Rental Ordinance

Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are writing in support of developing zoning ordinance changes for the use of short-term rentals within the unincorporated County of Santa Barbara.

Our concern includes both the lower income County residents with whom we work, and our staff who support our mission. We recognize that some housing in the unincorporated area of the County has historically been used as vacation rentals, such as housing located along the beach. This housing has never been affordable to our staff or the people we serve. However, we are concerned about losing housing stock that has historically been available to County residents in need of housing. Many members of our staff have had to find housing outside of Santa Barbara County, and our Section 8 Voucher holders are finding it increasingly difficult to locate housing, because of extremely low vacancy rates.

Our recommendation is to identify suitable tourist or hotel zones in which short-term rentals are permitted. This would allow anyone moving into these zones to know that short-term rentals are allowed in their neighborhood. Further, we suggest that short-term rentals should be prohibited in other than properties in hotel/tourist zones.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bob Havlicek'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bob Havlicek
Executive Director