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Please submit the attached letter to the Supervisors and Staff for your September 1 agenda item regarding Short Term Rentals.

Thank you,
Michael Baum

From:

Michael Baum

Hill Road, Montecito

August 28, 2020

To:

County Board of Supervisors

Via e-mail: sbcob@countyofsb.org <sbcob@countyofsb.org>;

**Re: Coastal Short-Term Rental Ordinance Departmental Agenda Date:
September 1, 2020**

Dear Supervisors and staff,

Since I first set eyes on Montecito in the early 1970's it was my dream to have a home here. In 2013 my wife and I found a home on Hill Road that we loved and were able to purchase to realize that dream. We were able to do so in part by the ability to use the home for vacation rentals when we did not occupy the home ourselves.

While the home is primarily for me and my family and is eventually to be our retirement home, the ability to use it for vacation rentals is an important part of our financial planning.

We use a professional management company which checks all potential renters, monitors the use of the property and insures that the home is not used for "parties" or other conduct that would disrupt or inconvenience our neighbors. In those rare instances (once or twice) over the past 7 years where there have been any complaints, the issue were promptly rectified.

During this time:

- 1- We were able to realize and afford our dream home;
- 2- Numerous families had access to the Coastal Zone at a price more affordable than that charged by local hotels;
- 3- our property has yielded to the County tens of thousands of dollars in Transient Occupancy Tax for the County; and
- 4- prudent management and oversight protects neighbors from being imposed on or unduly inconvenienced.

This shows that with responsible home owners who either use a professional management company or exercise prudent management on their own, STR's in the Coastal Zone are a Win-Win-Win situation for all concerned.

While existing residents may not favor property uses which they perceive inconveniences them, please do not improperly limit responsible STR's, which overall benefit homeowners such as me and my family and also those people who would otherwise have a much harder time enjoying our beautiful community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Baum