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To: Mayor Caldwell and Councilmembers

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Re: The Tax Advisory Comm. Report

This Report seeks to 1) Illegally disclose confidential tax information,
2) Establish a 3d classification for short term rentals less than 6 Mos. so they can be taxed yet again at a higher rate with enforcement by DBFS.

While proposed in the name of raising more tax funds for Oahu, in truth, it is yet another ploy to banish short term rentals from the island of Oahu. The purposed taxes are prohibitive to a home owner forcing shutdowns. The result will not be more tax funds but annihilation of the entire industry on Oahu and the millions of dollars the State and County depends on.

Besides total destruction of the industry, many lives and local families that depend on it will be lost along with it.

Families have been waiting 20 years for permits. Many locals are now buying homes in disrepair and fixing them to rent. This should be encouraged. No one is getting rich, but many are able to stay on the island and raise their families here.

If more revenue is the true cause of all this higher taxation being sought, there is a better solution....Issue Permits and charge higher fees for the yearly Permit. Do the math. Although it is not believed that 4000 is a correct #, studies show it is probably in the higher 2000 range. Increase the Permit fee and you could be out of debt. Give the people a chance!

Mahalo,.

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