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Mayor Kirk Caldwell
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Regarding: Proposed Tax Advisory Recommendations of 12-1
2014 and Second Homes

Although there have been many attempts from every angle over the many years to ban short term rentals, this is the worst. Raising prop. taxes will raise all rents hugely and will affect not just the families coming to Hawaii but the locals as well. This time it is any second home. Understand, many people who work in our businesses rent. Their rents will be increased as well. Many second homes will be lost with this unheard of property tax increase...it is shocking!!!

I do rent my home also as it is a second home, but I spend close to 6 mos. here and plan to retire here. I am currently on the mainland half the time working so I will be able to keep my home. This is not a way to get rich but a solid way to supplement income now and in the future retirement age.

Please instead of yet again trying to shut short term rentals down, why don't you simply issue the Permits we have been so close to obtaining. It would be cost effective...more \$ from permits, more funds from TAT (especially with ability to rent for less than 30 days), a win-win situation for all as is enjoyed by so many tourist destinations around the world.

You could use the same rules already in place for long term rentals for such things as parking and noise. You might add a local contact for neighbors to call, and you are done. Doesn't mean you can't come back with a few tweaks at a later time once it is up and running. If you are looking for more funds for the deficit, this is how you can accomplish it. All these other recommendations will cause a loss.

Why not give a rational plan a chance like the other islands.

Mahalo,
K. Mamala, Kailua

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