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Dear City Council,

[BILL 6-7] I support including all less than 30-day rentals {B&Bs, condominiums, cottages and private homes} in the Bills for short-term permits.

Specifically: Permitting with reasonable regulations allows everyone on the island to co-exist, generates visitor income and considerable taxes for the island. Vacation groups of 8 and more are often unable to afford many beachfront hotels and world wide, the vacation home rental market is expanding rapidly because of increasing hotel costs. I am a good neighbor who screens guests, ensures that guests follow house rules including being considerate to neighbors. Quiet hours are enforced and my neighbors feel that the guests spend less time in the home than resident neighbors. I like to visit Oahu but if my private rental is closed down, like others I will go to Mexico where I am welcomed. I am sorry to hear there are people who are trying to destroy the Aloha Spirit, I am afraid Hawaii will be left behind in the global trend towards vacation home holiday rentals.

I am against Bills# 8 and 9 because placing locations on advertising causes security issues.

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Assessing special taxes in addition to the general excise and transient accommodation tax on short term vacation rentals will most likely have the same negative effect of making them not cost effective and in turn will close them down.

Sincerely,

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