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Renters have a positive impact on the community.

Kailua Neighborhood Board Chair Kathy Bryant-Hunter's opinion that short term renters don't coach little league, volunteer in the community...really is not an issue. What the renters do provide Kailua is money. They usually go out to dinner, rent kayaks or boogie boards, buy gifts for people back home and themselves... They truly appreciate their holiday and are thrilled to be here and are very friendly. A large majority of Kailua vacation renters are visiting family members here and want to stay close-by.

On the other hand, the high-end properties, which are bought for investment purposes where the mainland owner does NOT occupy it is doing nothing for the community, and the neighbors' property taxes increase.

Some thoughts regarding B&B's

I've read you want to send notices to the neighbors who are within 300/500 feet of the proposed B&B to see if they would allow it. Since when does a neighbor have a right to veto their neighbor's B&B? The body in charge of that should have guidelines to follow and they should decide if it meets the criteria or not.

Some of these neighborhoods are already overcrowded with home owners that have segregated a house into many sections to accommodate long term renters. (Who has ever kept that in check? Some places in Lanikai might as well be Nuuanu.) I will have to say that I would prefer the short term B&B renter, as they leave in the day, they only rent one car, and are here to enjoy Hawaii, not trash it. Long term renters that all share one house usually have one car per person and have lots of things.

Some thoughts regarding TVU's. There are many different kinds of TVU's.

First off, there are some big high-end properties that **rent** their place for parties. This should absolutely be against the law. There is nothing but headaches for the neighbors—noise, congestion, alcohol, people wandering from the site....

I would like to see the limit for a rental be reduced to a weekly rental, since that is the amount of time most families can get away. Anything less than that is asking for trouble.

Each rental should have an off-street parking space.

Each rental must be a legal property. Most of the separate cottages in Lanikai are not legal. There has been a law since 1988 that all **new** buildings in Lanikai that have a kitchen must have a holding tank. People get the permit for a "hobby house" or garage with room above and put in a kitchen when the inspector leaves and then rent it out.

Ideally each rental should have someone on the property to oversee the rental. Neighbors should not have to suffer any consequences of rowdy vacationers.

Ideally, there should be at least a set distance between the TVU and the neighbor's house. Short term renters on beachside properties pay a lot of money and they may feel they have the right to party.

There has been a short term rental near me ever since I bought my house in 1992. The owner lives on the property and checks the renters in and out. She has an off-street parking space. To my knowledge her rental has **never** bothered anyone on my street. She spends a large portion of her time as a volunteer for community theatre and is on many boards of charities. She has an ailing husband that she needs to be home to care for. It occurs to me that her vacation rental income allows her to have the free time and income so that she can do this.

I absolutely think TVU's need to be licensed and the owners need to pay the appropriate taxes. Don't penalize them by raising property taxes on their houses. I think if the ones that are giving the others a bad name are taken out of business and the others that really do a good service for the community are allowed to stay in business or start business, you should be able to end most of the acrimony that has divided our Kailua town.

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