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Mahalo!

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Sincerely,

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Katie Dempsey
15161 Wai Puni St
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support vacation rentals in Hawaii. I frequently have family members and friends who come to visit me, and being able to have them stay nearby has been a wonderful resource for local people. Before, if my family visited (my home cannot accommodate many house guests) they were only able to stay in Waikiki, and the commute, sometimes being several times per day became such a chore, with the traffic, expensive parking, and many hours of vacation time being wasted.

I enjoy having my family be able to stay nearby so we can spend as much time as possible with our loved ones. Vacation rentals have been a very positive thing for many families with children living on the mainland, and helps the local business district as well. Please let vacation rentals and B & B's be a part of our town. We enjoy the opportunities that such businesses bring.

Mahalo,

Katie Dempsey

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HONOLULU, HAWAII

George Yanasdei
~~811 Aleki Place~~
~~Hon, HI - 96822~~

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support vacation rentals in Hawaii. As a resident of Hawaii, I would like to keep the option of permitting vacation rentals a possibility for myself and for my children as an option. It seems the more senior residents in Hawaii don't leave the future generations many options to make it in Hawaii. If you grew up past the 1970's in Hawaii, real estate has become a mere impossibility, with the prices of homes being so high.

In 1989, vacation rentals permits were discontinued. There is a much greater demand for vacation rentals today, since the explosion of Internet use. Many residents who want a permit at this time were simply not old enough to even dream of owning property in 1989. I am part of that age bracket where I feel that I am simply being shut out of yet another opportunity to own a home and financially make it in Hawaii. I suspect that many of the "more senior" residents who are complaining of vacation rentals purchased their homes many decades ago, when things were actually affordable. In their "day" vacation rentals were still an option that people had to make ends meet if they needed extra income.

Many of those that complain about vacation rentals are quite well off, and may not be able to fully understand why some people feel they need to have a vacation rental to simply keep their home. They need to look at things from a different perspective.

The permitting and legalization of vacation rentals in Hawaii, would generate new tax dollars into the state, and many who run vacation rentals do not pay the tourism tax because their operation is being outlawed. In my view it is a "win-win" situation. It will help residents in Hawaii, and will enrich the state government budget.

Sincerely,



Ernesta C. Shupe
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I oppose any short-term rental owner who does not respect their neighbors. Reasonable rules and Non-conforming use certificates would help curb complaints and help us coexist. If a rental owner does not comply, we should all agree the owner should not have a NUC. This is why permitting is so important.

Sincerely,

Ernesta C. Shupe
10/10/07

KEVEN VALENTE
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Susan Caproni

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I am not from Kailua, and I do not feel that Kailua residents should be deciding all the rules regarding the issue of having vacation rentals on the island of Oahu.

We need to realize that this is how most visitors throughout the world are now planning their vacations. Do we not want them to come visit us because of a few complainers? Many vacation rentals are in Waianae and Makaha. These communities need something positive like this, to stimulate and give hope to jobs in the community and financial growth, and less dependence on government types of assistance.

Mahalo for your time in this matter,

Susan Caproni

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of keeping vacation rentals an option in Hawaii. Our family visits my wifes family every year in Hawaii, we like the vacation rentals in Kailua. We have stayed in Waikiki many times it is noisy & dirty. If we had to stay in Waikiki, our trips would not be every year. Our family supports the vacation rentals in Hawaii.

Terry & Charleen Ekegren
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