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**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

JANUARY 19, 2021

From: Leslie Ilic [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 1:02 PM
To: City Clerk Mail
Subject: Written Comments for City Council Meeting 1/19/21
Attachments: Public Comment City Council.docx

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To Whom it May Concern;

Please find attached written comments for the La Quinta City Council Meeting being held today, January 19th, 2021.

Submission Information:

Names: Bill and Terri Butler

City of Residence: La Quinta

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Section: Reports and Information Items, Item 29 – Short Term Vacation Rental Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

Subject: Opposition to Short Term Vacation Rentals in La Quinta

Body: (attached)

If you have any questions, or need more information, please met me know.

Thank you,

Leslie

Leslie Ilic
Executive Assistant

W. L. Butler
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Redwood City, CA 94063
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Bill and Terri Butler

La Quinta City Council
78495 Calle Tampico
La Quinta, CA 92253

Subject: Public Comments Relating to Short Term Vacation Rentals

Dear City Council;

We are writing to voice our opposition to Short Term Vacation Rentals continuing in our community.

As owners of property within PGA West, we are moved to write in because of the explosive growth of short term rentals due to COVID-19; and the negative impact these rentals are having on the community. We respect the right of property owners to use their property as they choose, but only up to the point that it does not interfere with the quiet enjoyment and property values of other community members. Short term rentals are increasingly becoming a nuisance in La Quinta.

Short term rentals are often large groups, which is out of character for our community. These groups typically remain in town only for a few days (ex: festivals or long weekends) and they treat the rental property like a hotel, and not as part of a residential community. These groups are often unaware of community rules or ordinances, or disregard them. As a result, there are regular complains about short term rentals – about loud music and outdoor partying which extends late into the night.

Community rules, as they exist today, make it virtually impossible to enforce these violations. When problems arise (typically late at night), property owners are out of town, property managers are offsite, and neither can be reached. Community security is doing their best, but they do not have the authority to stop violations. They cannot issue immediate citations, and even if they recommend a citation, it is subject to 'management review' which takes 1-3 days. By that time, short term renters have usually left town, and have no consequences. Local law enforcement have a limited ability to address the problem, because short term renters are not around long enough to be subject to repeat visits and citations; nor should they have to deal with these manufactured problems.

The nuisance of short term rentals is real, and our family has experienced it first-hand. Two of our neighbors has profited from short term rentals, and we have experienced late-night partying of these renters which has kept our entire family awake. We have tried to address the problem by contacting the short term renters themselves, the property manager, the property owner, community security, and the sheriff. Despite all of this, the problem has repeated, and when a new short term renter has arrived, we have had to start all over again.

We understand the hotline has been created to address the issue, but the hotline places the burden of community policing on community residents.

If this problem is not addressed, then the quality of life within our community is at risk. Fortunately, there are easy solutions to this problem: either the City Council can ban short term rentals, or we can move to another community.

Sincerely,

Bill and Terri Butler

From: Marty Butler <butlermarty0@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 3:42 PM
To: Teresa Thompson <Tthompson@laquintaca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: stvr

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Teresa, can this be submitted for this evenings City Council meeting? Thank you for your assistance. I have been busy and have not had a chance to talk with other neighbors and this is not done by any means.



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December 9, 2020

RE: Short Term Vacation Rentals allowed in Rancho Ocotillo

Dear Mayor, Council Members, and City Manager John McMillan:

As constituents of La Quinta and residents of the community, Rancho Ocotillo, in La Quinta, we feel that this is not the place to operate businesses such as Short-Term Vacation Rentals (STVR's). We are primarily a full-time family-oriented neighborhood. We have excellent schools for our children and a safe and exemplary quality of life. Our lives are being changed by allowing short term vacation rentals here.

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The City has many locations that have been permitted for this endeavor, and we feel that this would not financially impact the City. Still, it would make the citizens of Rancho Ocotillo feel relieved and safe.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with the City on this request.

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Signature

MARTY BUTLER

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DIANE McMAHON

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MARTY Butler

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Wayne and Jill Ditter

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From: Marcia Cutchin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 12:55 PM
To: Monika Radeva
Cc: City Clerk Mail
Subject: Re: WRITTEN COMMENTS STVRs – Jan. 19, 2021 Council Meeting
Attachments: Ltr2CityCouncil1_21.docx

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Dear Monika,

Please include the attached document in the written comments to the January 19th, 2021 city council meeting

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1) Full Name Marcia Cutchin | 4) Public Comment or Agenda Item Number - ??? |
| 2) City of Residence - La Quinta | 5) Subject - STVRs |
| 3) Phone Number - [REDACTED] | 6) Written or Verbal Comments - Written Comments |

Thank you,

Marcia L Cutchin

Madam Mayor, Council and City Manager,

Total licensing numbers continue to rise throughout the moratorium.

Real Estate agents continue to advertise new properties as vacation rental prospects with no restrictions. It appears they are certain this council will again open the floodgates to licensing in our unprotected communities in total disregard of the residents of the city of La Quinta.

You have heard from the residents of La Quinta. Lifting the moratorium **or extending ANY licensing to those on the wait list**, will drive the residents call for a vote. Those presently operating will be put out of business AS A RESULT OF COUNCIL'S REFUSAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RESIDENTS HAVE REACHED THEIR LIMIT.

Consistent increase in licensing throughout the moratorium is impossible to track or explain.

Increase in licensing during the moratorium – if it is Legacy Villas, where are the offset numbers for sold/no longer licensed?

Date: 9-03-2020 Active licenses 1224

Source: Ad-hoc meeting taped video. Discuss density sub-committee - Study session 1 - At 19:56 in the recorded video - Gavin asks the city clerk, Tania Flores, how many current active license there are. Her response: 1224.

<https://youtu.be/QMD1hYuAL40>

Date: 10-01-2020 Active licenses 1285

Source: Email response from the city clerk to Rod McQuires request for public information.

Proof: Screenshot of the email is attached.

Date: 10-22-2020 Active licenses 1305

Source: Response from the city clerk to Rod McQuires request for public information. An email from the city clerk contained an attachment with an Excel document showing 1305 active licenses.

Proof: Screenshot of the email is attached. Excel sheet is attached to this email

Date: 1-4-2021 Active licenses 1359

Source: Response from the city clerk from a request I sent for clarification. In a call to code enforcement, [REDACTED] was told two properties behind her had licenses. They were not on the active license sheet sent to Rod on 10-22. In the written response the clerk states they do NOT have licenses. In the screenshot attached in the email, the total number shown is 1359.

Airbnb Host Clarifies Instant Book Phenomenon

<https://deborahjacobs.com/2017/12/03/airbnb-instant-book-discrimination-older-elderly-hosts/>

“As reported in the Wall Street Journal, and elsewhere,” Crow said, “the ability to lie about one’s identity, purpose and number of guests when signing up online for a short-term rental, and nevertheless get handed the keys to an unsupervised home in our residential neighborhoods for a night or a weekend, is ideal for activity one wishes to hide. It concerns a lot of residents.”

7 active duty code enforcement officers at three quarters of a million dollars...

Is a maximum of two, sometimes ONE officer - overseeing up to 7800 transients – often unvetted – randomly dispersed across 35 square miles throughout our bedroom communities.

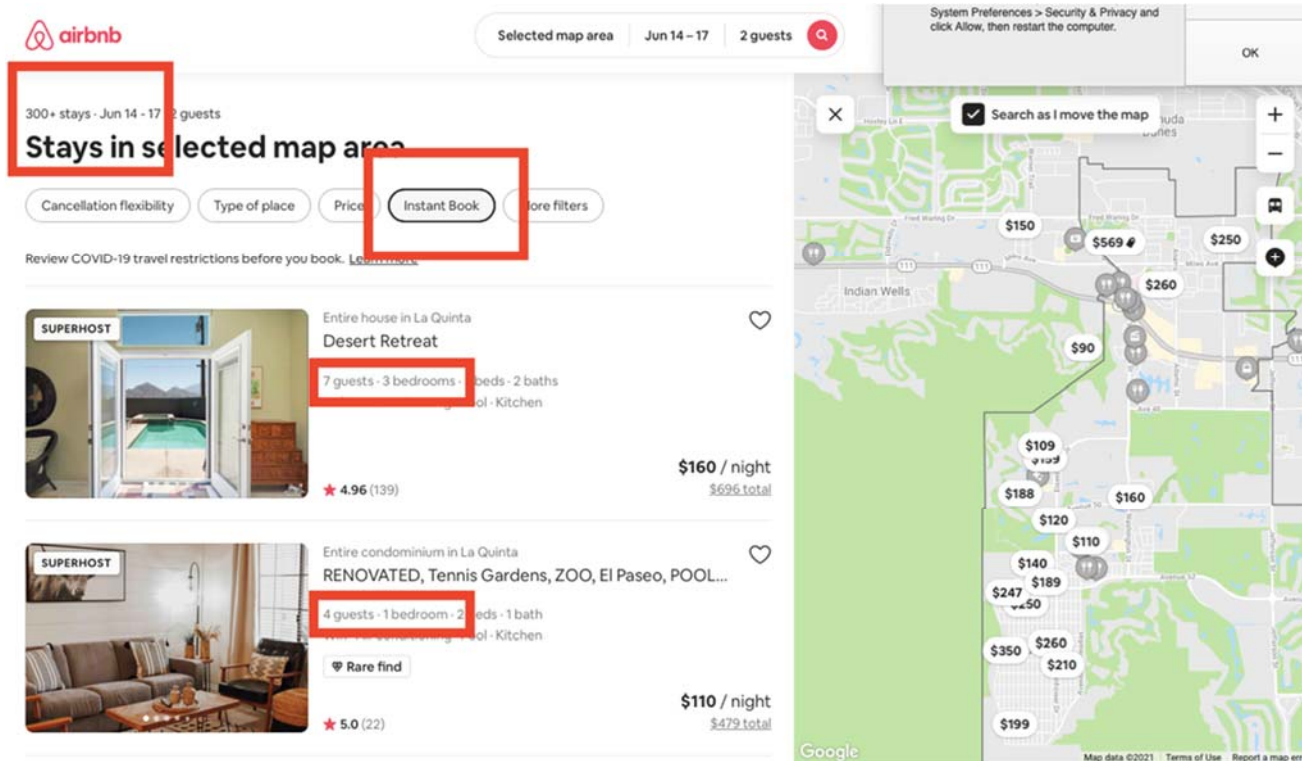
Sample work schedule

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
11-7	AC	AC	AC	AC	AC	BD	BD
7-3	BD	BD	BD	EF	EF	EF	EF
3-11	EF	G	G	G	G	G	G

1300 units x 3 bd average x 2+ per bedroom is greater than 7800

We keep hearing “more enforcement”. Why double the cost on a program that isn’t working...residents don’t want...and is already costing us money?

Screenshot of instant book numbers in La Quinta.



#	Employer	# of Employees
1	Desert Sands Unified School District	2,850
2	La Quinta Resort & Club/PGA West	1,437
3	Walmart	379
4	Costco Wholesale	222
5	The Home Depot	210
6	Target	150
7	Lowe's	140
8	Imperial Irrigation District	138
9	Traditions Golf Club	140
10	Rancho La Quinta	130

I do not believe council has considered the far-reaching consequences for this community.

According to La Quinta's 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report,^[23]

**THE TOP EMPLOYER IN THE CITY IS:
DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

**TRANSIENT STUDENTS DON'T GO TO SCHOOL
HERE.**

The Coachella Valley Economic Partnership outlined the most critical objective for the area is to diversify beyond tourism's "OUR OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE

ENCOURAGING TECH JOBS AND NOW IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN THESE INDIVIDUALS"

<https://sbemp.com/local-leaders-discuss-the-economic-future-of-the-coachella-valley-in-free-webinar-series/>

YET WE ARE CONVERTING AVAILABLE HOUSING INVENTORY TO TRANSIENT HOTEL LODGINGS

WHILE CITIES ALL OVER THE PLANET ARE PAYING INCENTIVES TO PEOPLE WHO WORK REMOTE TO MOVE

THERE <https://www.npr.org/2020/12/20/944986123/you-want-to-move-some-cities-will-pay-you-10-000-to-relocate>
<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/these-9-cities-states-and-countries-will-pay-you-to-move-there-2018-10-26>

WE ARE CONVERTING SCARCE HOUSING INVENTORY TO TRANSIENT HOTEL LODGINGS

WHILE CITIES ALL OVER THE PLANET ARE ARMING THEMSELVES AGAINST THE CORROSIVE EFFECT OF THE SATURATION OF STVRS...

New short-term rental rules starting in California, Colorado and Hawaii
<https://www.avalara.com/mylodgetax/en/blog/2019/04/new-short-term-rental-rules-starting-in-california-colorado-and-hawaii.html>

WE ARE CONVERTING AVAILABLE HOUSING INVENTORY TO TRANSIENT HOTEL LODGINGS

WHILE HARVARD LAW POLICY REVIEW CALLS THE EFFECTS OF STVRS "CORROSIVE"

"For residents displaced by Airbnb, a blanket ban would likely be preferable to any solution that insufficiently addresses the corrosive effects of STRs." Harvard Law Policy Review

https://harvardlpr.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2016/02/10.1_10_Lee.pdf

OUR COUNCIL IS WELCOMING THEM WITH OPEN ARMS.

#2 in the country large-market places to own a vacation rental

<https://www.airdna.co/blog/best-places-to-invest-in-us-vacation-rentals>

WHILE OUR HOUSING AUTHORITY IS ATTEMPTING TO ANSWER TO FEDERALLY MANDATED DEMANDS FOR INCREASES IN MODERATE TO LOW INCOME HOUSING UNITS...WE ARE CONVERTING THOSE WE HAVE TO TRANSIENT TOURIST ACCOMODATIONS.

"La Quinta has always been a tourist destination. What's the problem?"

Today's Airbnb infiltration has no resemblance to the way is ever was.

"Back ten or fifteen years ago this was ok because we had a fifth of the number of operators and that fifth had a fifth of the turnovers we now have through technology platforms. Yes, we were reckless a few weekends every year, piling up in our neighbor's houses to turn our own over to the wild wave of festival visitors. We had fun holding our breathes the days they were in town, knowing it was uncontrolled but confident once it passed, we would pick up the pieces and our sacred and secure communities would return to order.

We have no such confidence now. Instead we hold our breaths for endless days upon end, waiting to see if our council will ever allow us the return of our sacred and secure communities."

43-year resident La Quinta Cove

From: Arlene Gotshalk <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Monika Radeva
Subject: Written Comments and Request to speak Public Comment at City Council Meeting 1-19-21
Attachments: Talk - City Council Talk Raise permit license fee 1-19-21.pdf; Talk - City Council Talk Raise permit license fee 1-19-21.docx

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Good afternoon Monika,

I request to speak at today's City Council Meeting and have attached my letter to be included in written comments.

I will be presenting some financial figures. Would it be possible for the Council Members to have a copy of my letter which highlights these figures?

Thank you.

Arlene

Arlene Gotshalk



Madam Mayor and Council Members,
 Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today.

I am a full-time resident of the Cove neighborhood and ask you to continue the moratorium on issuing STVR permits as we work together to find acceptable mitigations to the exploding #s of STVRS in LQ.

I've talked about transient tourists staying in commercial mini motels in residential districts. I've also talked about the 1998 ordinance regarding the prohibition of resort residential in the Cove.

I think there are solutions to these issues, and I'd like to present a simple solution. The figures that I am using today are rounded off and are documented in the written material I submitted.

As of November, there were 1260 STVR properties in LQ with 445 located in Residential areas without an HOA and there are 815 STVR units in the rest of LQ. These 445 units comprise 35% of the total STVR properties

STVR Property Location	Location %	Number of STVR Units
Residential Not within HOA	35%	445
PGA West HOA	35%	442
Within HOA	14%	170
Commercial	16%	203
		1260

(City Council Meeting November 17, 2020)

I understand Revenue is an important aspect of what these STVRs mean to the City. Taxes from Hotels & Vacation Rentals is #5 in City Revenues. Separate out Hotels and the figure for STVRs' TOT revenue is \$3,000,000.

TOT Revenue from STVRs	\$3,000,000	(Projected city budget, October, The Gem)
STVR Expenses	\$1,500,000	(City Manager)
	Net Income	\$1,500,000

SUGGESTION

To ease the ongoing issues with STVRs in Residential Neighborhoods, remove them. Phase out these commercial mini hotels and Phase out these 445 STVRs in residential districts

There would still be 815 STVR units but there would be a loss of TOT revenue of <\$525,000> - a significant amount. There may be more commercial STVRs in the future, but we need to find revenue solutions now.

SOLUTION

Loss of TOT from the 445 STVRs: Increase Fee for Permit to operate STVR which would be guaranteed **NEW income**.

Currently

City	Fee for STVR Permit
La Quinta	\$200
Palm Springs	\$944
Rancho Mirage	\$1700
Cathedral City	\$1950

(Desert Sun, December 3, 2020)

Raise LQ Permit fee to \$1,000 for the active 815 STVR units

Revenue increased by \$800 x 815 units	\$650,000	
Expenses reduced with 35% less STVRs (20% of \$1,500,000)	\$300,000	
	New Money	\$950,000
Covers the LOSS of 445 TOT revenue		<\$525,000>
PLUS, ADDITIONAL REVENUE		\$425,000

Decrease in Expenses

Reported at the ad hoc committee, there are 22 part time staff needed to support the STVR program. What other business takes this much city effort? It gives the appearance that the City subsidizes STVR program with our tax dollars while neighbors subsidize it with the degradation of their neighborhood.

STVR Related Expenses

- Consultants include:
 - Compliance Vendors
 - Security Services
 - Hotline
- STVR Community Events Marketing Expenses
- Cost of processing appeals
- Cost of Administrative Citation Expenses for only STVR's
- Staff training needs
- Software updates and license
- Legal services

STVR Related Expenses

Since no staff is dedicated to STVR alone, many City divisions are involved in various aspects of STVR program

Internal staff includes:

- The Hub – 7 employees
- Code Enforcement – 7 employees
- Finance – 4 employees
- City Clerk – 2 employees
- Marketing – 2 employees

(October 1, 2020 STVR ad-hoc meeting, Martinez & Hewig, financial overview)

By raising fee for permit to \$1,000, the loss of TOT from phasing out 445 STVRs in residential areas has been replaced. Additionally, revenues increased by \$425,000 and residential districts are restored to their original intent, single family dwellings. THIS IS JUST ONE SUGGESTION TO SOLVE THE CURRENT STVR PROBLEMS.

PLEASE **EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON STVR LICENSE PERMITS PAST THE FEBRUARY** DEADLINE SO WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO FIND SOLUTIONS.

Thank you, Arlene Gotshalk

From: [Jim Lambert](#)
To: [City Clerk Mail](#)
Subject: meeting 1/19/2021 email
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 5:44:40 PM

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Hello Monika, is it possible to have my comments via teleconference included in the record as written? If so, here they are:

Thanks, Jim Lambert

I would like to address you all today with a couple of issues I have brought to your attention over the past few months, to refresh your memories.

Most recently, I contacted the city manager, mayor and council concerning the apparent disregard of the State order restricting travel and short term rental occupancy to essential workers. When a similar order was implemented in the Spring the city required verification of status for renters, or 60 day stays. Since December 3, 2020 no such verification has been undertaken.

I reported 5 STVR houses a total of 9 separate times in December with no enforcement by the city. Mr Mcmillan called me in response to my email, and explained the city was calling property managers and owners to verify they were complying with the state orders.,The city was QUOTE “educating” the owners. Since they kept renting with changeovers every 4 or so days, the education must have failed.

The number of cases of Covid reported in the Desert Sun December 3, was 1101 with 19 deaths since the start of the pandemic in February 2020. The Desert Sun reported on January 15, 2021, six weeks later, there have been 2264 cases and 37 deaths. I have to wonder **if** there had been a crack-down and enforcement as in the Spring would these numbers be less shocking?

This council meeting is being conducted totally on line, no worry

about safe distancing for the council, but STVRs are allowed to continue to operate without enforcement.

Next I implore you to extend the moratorium, since it is evident that the current number of STVRs has exceeded the capability of the city to enforce the existing laws. If the numbers of applications, reported to be 200 or more, are approved there will be no chance for community and neighborhoods in the areas where they are not banned.

As an example, where I live within PGA West, on Legends Way, Golf View Drive and Mountain View, there are areas with more than 40% STVRs. Of 92 homes 39 are rentals. The density of rentals has completely eliminated the community we once had before the city allowed unchecked permit issuing with no regard for the neighborhood. Loss of more homes turned into mini hotels is unconscionable.

These remotely managed transient hotels have no personal contact with the incoming renters, no proper screening is possible when rental platforms allow "instant book" for rentals. Allowing our low density zoned residential communities to be opened to occupation by thousands of transient unknowns. What is the purpose of zoning if it is not regulated? Home businesses are supposed to not have a negative effect on the neighborhood or community. That is far from what happens with the current over-saturation of STVRs. Instead we have noise, multiple vehicles, over occupancy, trash, trespassing, and threats to persons.

Please act on these issues to bring the luster back to La Quinta. Make the ban on new permits in residentially zoned areas permanent, Promote the Transient zoned areas for STVRs where they are planned for. The Signature at PGA West and Silverrock are upcoming areas zoned for rentals.

From: Mary Jo McCowan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 11:43 AM
To: City Clerk Mail
Subject: Letter to La Quinta City Council
Attachments: January STVR city of La Quinta-1.docx

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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To the Office of the City Clerk:

The attached letter has been sent to the Council Members of the City of La Quinta. The subject of my letter concerns extending the moratorium of short-term rentals in the City of La Quinta. I would like to have the letter read at the City Council meeting on January 19, 2021. Would you please let me know if this is possible. Thank you very much.

I am a resident of the City of La Quinta.

With regards,

Mary Jo McCowan
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 19, 2021 - WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS BY RESIDENT MARY JO McCOWAN
PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA - IN OPPOSITION OF STVRS & EXTEND THE MORATORIUM

January 11, 2021

Members of the La Quinta City Council
City of La Quinta
78-495 Calle Tampico
La Quinta CA 92253

Dear Council Members Fitzpatrick, Pena, Radi, Sanchez, Mayor Evans,

We are writing this letter to implore the La Quinta City Council to extend the Executive Order No. 10 with a continuance of the moratorium on processing any new applications for short-term vacation rentals in the City of La Quinta.

As thirty year residents of the city we have always felt that La Quinta is a special place to live and has a unique and forward looking city government. During the past several years our community has been inundated with short term rentals. These properties have been purchased by investors who do not live here, nor do they themselves live next to a short-term rental. Within a block on our street alone, there are 16 short term rentals including a property right next door. Within a 300 yard radius we have 66 short term rentals. Congested parking and over occupancy continues to be a problem.

Many times we have called the STVR hotline to report active violations (amplified outdoor music, drunken parties) as well as our local rangers who patrol the area. My husband has gone outside at 12:30AM in his pajamas asking next door renters to please quiet down. Hooting and hollering and hitting balls onto the golf course in the middle of the night is a frequent disturbance. Many of these renters exhibit bad behavior and are disrespectful of the neighborhood.

In addition, it is our understanding that following the Governor's December 3, 2020 stay at home order, including the County of Riverside and the City of La Quinta, that there were restrictions on the operations of short-term rentals. A preponderance of these properties, including the rental next door, continue to rent and are full most weekends. Many, many cars on the street have out-of-state license plates. We have emailed La Quinta code enforcement numerous times with pictures with time, date and location but no action has been taken. The owners of these properties are profiteering from the misery and hardship of those businesses that have shut down during the pandemic. The City of La Quinta will be collecting TOTs from these properties in violation of the order.

It is our recommendation that short term rental permit density be studied before any new permits are issued. Our HOA is currently attempting to amend our CC & R's to limit rentals to a 30-day minimum rental period. If the city would continue the moratorium on rental permits it would certainly help our efforts to control this problem.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Robert and Mary Jo McCowan

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

***** IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATES FOR SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS *****

Post Date: 12/10/2020

OPERATORS & OWNERS OF SHORT TERM VACATION RENTALS IN LA QUINTA

Following the Governor's Dec. 3, 2020 Regional Stay at Home Order, there was some confusion over what types of short-term lodging operations would be allowed to continue to operate.

The City of La Quinta has received clarification from the County of Riverside with the following restrictions in order to operate:

- For in-state visitors, short-term lodging (including hotels, motels, vacation rentals, and time shares) will continue to be able to operate as long as those visitors are either: (1) "essential" workers; or (2) traveling for COVID-19 mitigation and containment measures, treatment measures, or providing housing solutions, including measures to protect homeless populations.
- For out-of-state visitors, a separate rule applies. Short-term lodging is allowed to continue to operate and be available if only: (1) those visitors are "essential" workers; or (2) those visitors are traveling for above-referenced COVID mitigation purposes; or (3) those visitors are traveling for non-essential travel, and the reservation is for at least the minimum 14-day time period required for quarantine and visitors remain at the place where they have a reservation.

Under the Regional stay at home order, Hotels and lodging are allowed for COVID-19 mitigation and containment measures, treatment measures, provide accommodation for essential workers, or providing housing solutions, including measures to protect homeless populations. See FAQs here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#regional-stay-home-order>

From: Judith Neid <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 4:19 PM
To: City Clerk Mail
Subject: Written comment to council members
Attachments: City letter January 17.docx

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Judith Neid
La Quinta
Item #29 Short Term Vacation Rentals
[REDACTED]

Thank you

Council Members,

I am a resident adding my voice to the chorus asking you to extend the moratorium on STVR's in La Quinta.

If you are not paying attention to the other Desert Cities with fewer by far numbers of these party houses I hope you understand this is not the time to open up for new ones or sneak in the ones you have during the moratorium.

You work for La Quinta residents not Airbnb. There is much evidence the return to the city is not worth the cost. The city can comfortably support itself unless it is being financially mismanaged.

Hotels are popping up all over. La Quinta is a first class destination. You are cheapening our image.

Judith Neid
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Robin Nenninger [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:51 PM
To: Monika Radeva; Robin Nugent; Jon McMillen; John Pena; Kathleen Fitzpatrick; Linda Evans; Robert Radi; rradi@laqintaca.gov; Steve Sanchez
Cc: Robin Nugent
Subject: STVR - Support in favor of a continued moratorium

Dear City of La Quinta Council Members:

My name is Robin P. Nugent.

I live in PGA West, La Quinta, CA.

My phone number is [REDACTED]

This is for Agenda Item # on the City Council Agenda for January 19, 2021.

My husband, Bob, and I retired to PGA West here in La Quinta in 2004. This city and PGA West could be described as idyllic. It is like the very best summer camp full of new friends, neighbors, golf, tennis, biking, hiking, great restaurants. We love our neighbors and enjoy meeting new people and making long term friendships.

My letter today is in complete support of a continued moratorium on adding further STVRs to the 1,311 (One thousand, three hundred and eleven!) already approved STVRs just in the city of La Quinta. This issue has divided people who are afraid to take a stand on the issue for fear of repercussions from others. Like our nation is divided, so are we on this issue. I would humbly ask you to listen to the people in the neighborhoods who elected you and not the large out of town companies who are absentee landlords. You are going to successfully gut our town and in particular, PGA West.

Here in PGA West we have a private golf club and 6 golf courses plus a beautiful new sports facility. No person or company who owns a short term rental here will join our golf club or the sports club because they do not live here and they cannot offer the club to a guest without them being here. Do you see the damage that is being done? So the golf members decline or move out of PGA West to another town that only allows 28 or more day rentals and leaves this place a ghost town of a bunch of partiers who do not care one whit about our issues as a city. Look at Cathedral City. Taking the issue to a vote. They are fed up. Look at other cities across the country. Please look to the people that live here and are trying to support your good decisions.

I do not have to repeat the issues with the struggle we face with STVRs. That has been well documented.

My husband and I want our neighborhood back. I want to make friends with neighbors but cannot do that with the revolving door of different renters. My husband and I talk about how we feel every Wednesday, getting ready for the weekend and who will be at the various houses on the lake. We know each and every house around us that is a short term rental and truly dread what we might have to do: make calls, confront, stew and steam over the noise.

Please continue the moratorium until you have enough comments from your people, your constituents. Please come up with a solution that solves this issue. What we have right now is not working. Please consider the people and listen to the people who placed you and trusted you in city leadership.

Thank you

Robin Nugent

From: Marie Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2021 11:04 AM
To: City Clerk Mail
Subject: STVR, opposed with suggestions.

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Dear City Manager, Mayor, Council Members.

Please uphold the moratorium on new STVR's.

We feel that the City of LaQuinta has done a disservice to its citizens.

You have allowed an industry to invade our Neighborhoods. They operate remotely with little consideration for the residential neighbors.

You say they come in and improve properties, but those improvements are designed to maximize occupancy and create a party atmosphere. These vacation renters increase the number of parked cars on our quiet streets with the local residents left to sort out parking problems. Some homes rent out every week, others once or twice a month. There are respectful renters but they are not our neighbors and their drive by participation is often fueled by alcohol and recreational drugs. The residential neighbors are left to resolve problems with loud parties and blaring music, garbage. Your attempt at a vacation rental hotline is a joke. We respect our Code Enforcement crew, but this should not be their job. You are creating a situation that you have to throw more money at to do it properly. If you had these properties in a special village, zone and not in our residential neighborhoods it would be a better situation to control. If the City feels that we need the TOT revenue, please develop STVR villages that are NOT in our residential neighborhoods.

We would ask the city to implement the following:

- 1) no more new STVR in ungated communities.
- 2) enforcement of the 300 ft density boundaries, to be phased in at license renewal.
- 3) keep sound rules 8:00pm-8:00am
- 4) no transfer of STVR licenses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Craig and Marie Thompson
Residents of La Quinta 8 years
[REDACTED]

From: Judy Hoffman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 11:45 AM
To: City Clerk Mail <CityClerkMail@laquintaca.gov>
Subject: Written comments

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From Judith Hoffman, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Public Comment STVR

Below are items I wish to address concerning STVR property in my neighborhood. Neighborhood Watch Programs are viewed as a valuable tool in open neighborhoods such as the Cove. Be familiar with people you expect to see on a normal basis, including their cars. Stay vigilant and communicate with neighbors!

At this time I believe there is one Code Enforcement Officer assigned to our Cove of approx 5300 homes, Mon-Fri., 9-5. These Officers are well trained professionals but no one person can handle this workload. Public streets, many cars left for weeks or months in the same place. Not uncommon to find out they're not in working order, being used for parts or selling the parts. Adding more vehicles will likely increase the number of smash and grab thefts, bringing more unwanted traffic to this area.

In Dec of 2020 an individual drove through Cove, seems he was looking for someone in particular, speculation is there was business dealings at this house, 53020 Avenida Diaz. Approx 30 shots gun shots were released at this property, please increase Cove Enforcement presence and do not encourage unnecessary traffic in this residential neighborhood.

I see a bullet hole in the wall between my home and 53020 everyday. It serves as a reminder of danger that can happen in a minute.

I respectfully request you extend the moratorium on STVR licenses.