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**From:** Sean McGrath [REDACTED] >  
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**To:** City Clerk Mail  
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Dear La Quinta Council members:

Thank you for your tenacity to endure a 7-hour long Ad-Hoc committee discussing important aspects of the La Quinta short term rental laws. I am writing to encourage the city to recall the moratorium on short term rentals. If that is not possible, at least open the city ledger to allow a small fraction of short term rentals throughout the upcoming months until the official laws are put into place. The stagnation of putting into practice new laws is costing the city lost revenue additionally affecting local businesses on missed opportunities for guests to frequent their establishments. It seems the majority of STVT complaints received by the city come from the PGA West communities. Perhaps a block on select communities (i.e. PGA West) would alleviate resident complaints, while keeping the STVR program in place for business owners.

Best Regards,

Sean McGrath  
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**From:** Edward Armendarez [REDACTED]  
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Edward Armendarez  
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Re: STVRs/Special Session

Dear Madam Mayor and Honorable Council Members and City Manager McMillen,

I finally got to the end of the special session deliberations and I want to thank you again for all the effort you're putting into the STVR issue.

There are a few observations that, from the outside looking in, seem obvious. Every time Council suggests some kind of limiting factor that allows STVRs to continue in R1 areas, varying degrees of complexity are introduced that ensure additional enforcement measures that are not being adequately addressed now, and will not be adequately addressed in the future. There will still be complaints, there will still be shortcomings in enforcement. There will be housing shortages for people looking to buy homes and have a life here, and there will be no long term affordable rental units.

Complexity breeds complexity.

That someone has to wake up, or be bothered to make a call, wait, maybe have to argue a case, all for no personal benefit to them; in affect, at every disadvantage to them, is a failure of policy.

If STVRs are allowed in Tourist Commercial areas, there are no residents whose lives are impinged upon; who assumed when they moved into a residential area, they would not have to police a motel next-door. The TOT would not have the enforcement costs deducted from it, nor the ire of residents in neighborhoods.

One of the other things that came up, that seemed to indicate the public is not being listened to, is the lack of understanding of frequency. Sure the sound of children playing is a joy, especially when you love those children. When other people's children are playing, hour after hour, day after day, endlessly, it is not considered a joy by even the most loving people. The public has repeatedly mentioned it's the frequency of these STVR/Motel transients that are irritating, in the place where a neighbor should be.

Please remember it's your constituency, the ones that live here full time and vote here, not the 2/3rds that invest here, that deserve your empathy and good will.

And - I wish we could have a good ol' fashioned round table discussion about all this. It was good to see you at the Community Workshop, even virtually; it was hopeful.

Thank you,  
Edward Armendarez