

**WRITTEN
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COMMENT**

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

JUNE 1, 2021

From: Cynthia L Appolito [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 22, 2021 1:54 PM
To: Monika Radeva
Cc: City Clerk Mail; Michelle Lopez
Subject: Re: COMPLETED: Appolito, Cynthia 2021-05-17 - STVR Moratorium on New Lisences

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Dear Mayor Evans,

My husband and I have been listening to the council meetings carefully, for the last 2 months, specifically regarding STVRs and the moratorium for new licenses. We feel very much in opposition to the majority council members' comments and votes: allowing only certain HOA exceptions for lifting the moratorium. Home shares like us in "desert club estates" (largely unknown by many) are right on the other side of Washington (from the cove) and we and our guests support old town la quinta businesses! We have been hosting an in law suite and are on property and we have to our knowledge been in good standing with our license since 2016, until the pandemic hit! Missed the 4 day renewal because we felt we could not safely host since we learned about it's airborne transmission. We later learned our AC has a cdc type airscrubber and uV light! By the time I got an answer from the city I was told I had to sign up for a new STVR license and there was a moritorium. To be lifted on feb of 2021. It's now close to June. No replies to my letter for home share exception, no reply or even an email back about my comments.

The cove and desert club should not be excluded when HOAs are going to have the moratorium lifted! It is discriminatory! We ARE a tourist area supporting old town businesses! Why are we excluded via the zoning! HOAs only support their own Food and Bev and golf! We in Desert club Estates support silver rock and old town! We are on property 100% of the time! We have been residents since 2006! My husband and I feel unheard and excluded. I hear only certain HOAs will have the moratorium lifted, home shares or owners who live on property 100% of the time are not being addressed. Why can I not get an exception? Even though the home share might be a small percentage of STVRs, Shouldn't we deserve attention? When HOAS do? We believe it is discriminatory.

Respectfully,

Cynthia (and Tony) Appolito

Sent from my iPhone

From: Josh Eldridge [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 4:32 PM
To: City Clerk Mail; Monika Radeva
Subject: Re: Written Comments

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Correction, we purchased the house in Dec of 2020 not 2019.

On Wed, May 19, 2021 at 4:12 PM Josh Eldridge [REDACTED] wrote:

1. Josh Eldridge
2. La Quinta
3. [REDACTED]
4. Public Comment
5. STVR policy
6. Written Comments

I am greatly disappointed to learn that no new STVR permits will be issued by the City of La Quinta until further notice. My wife and I purchased a house at [REDACTED] in December of 2019 and spent the next few months refurbishing it for the purpose of renting on a short-term basis. We were aware of the moratorium at the time and considered the purchase an acceptable risk. As the travel risk from COVID subsided we assumed the permit process would resume but watched in dismay as the release dates kept getting extended. Data shows that the infection and death rates have fallen dramatically influencing the President of the United States and Governor of California to slowly lift mandates. It would seem appropriate for the City of La Quinta to do the same. We pay our property taxes and had planned on giving 10% of our rental gross to the city. We are law abiding citizens who would hold our guests to the highest standards. I do not understand why the City continues to delay and would like an answer.

Thank you,

Josh Eldridge

May 19, 2021

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - JUNE 1, 2021 - WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT BY RESIDENT GARY JONES
PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA - SUPPORTS STVRS & LIFTING THE
MORATORIUM ON NEW STVR PERMITS

Ms. Linda Evans, Mayor
City of La Quinta
78-495 Calle Tampico
La Quinta, CA 92253

Subject: STR Restrictions - PGA West

Dear Mayor:

This is Gary Jones, homeowner at [REDACTED] LaQuinta, CA 92253. Our condo is within the Res 1 HOA at PGA West. The purpose of my letter is to urge you not to do anything that would diminish or disallow us to continue to rent our unit as we have done for the past 18 years.

Like many other friends at PGA West, we would simply have been unable to purchase our condo without the safety net of being able to rent our condo on a short-term basis. I know there are others who would like to enjoy owning at PGA West, going forward, but will just not be able to take the risk if further rental restrictions are added. This may be fine for those homeowners affluent enough to be able to leave their units vacant when they are absent, but is a definite obstacle for those unable to do so. Additional thoughts are as follows:

1. Although I have previously offered to help find workable solutions, no one appears interested. After recently retiring from a 40-year urban planning career, I know that workable community solutions are possible. They are not easy – but are possible. Placing increased rental restrictions on properties will certainly lead to shifting the demographic balance of the community towards the more affluent - to the detriment of the less-affluent.
2. We have rented out our condo on a short basis for more than 18 years and never had one complaint of any kind. It is possible to do.
3. Irresponsible landlords should be held responsible. I have seen no evidence that the HOAs have focused on this issue. Why not ask the HOAs what they have done in this regard? Irresponsible landlords are ruining it for all of us. Instead, it appears the HOAs are taking the easy road – by just adding restrictions. The simple act of landlords not using automatic bookings (as I have done) makes a remarkable difference in getting responsible tenants. (Tenants who don't like landlords asking questions will tend to go away after just 1 or 2 email exchanges.)
4. Please to not allow restrictions to be placed on our properties that were not there when we purchased – or add restrictions that will discourage or prevent new owners from purchasing.
5. For many retired owners – even with paid off properties – the monthly expenses can run \$1,200 or more (even for small properties) and impossible to maintain without rental income.

I know this is an inflammatory issue and not an easy one for you – and I respect that. But this is a huge issue for many of us. I am open for further discussion or questions.

Best regards,

Gary Jones
[REDACTED]
La Quinta, CA 92253
[REDACTED]
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