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From: Mindy [REDACTED]
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To: City Clerk Mail
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Written Comment

Subject: STVR Permits

Hello Mayor and Council Members,

We are in total support of lifting the stay on STVR. As per the last meeting Memorial Day Saturday had zero complaints for noise. No licenses were given since August of last year. I think it is time to at least open the program to people who purchased last year. Then slowly open another group afterwards so it's not all at once. The summer is approaching, restrictions are lifted. People want to go about and travel. We should be welcoming tourism to La Quinta being the tourism city that it is. New restrictions are in place if homeowners don't abide by the rules they know of the consequences. Majority, will follow the rules and respect the city's regulations. You will have the bad apples that will complain whether you are STVR or just a regular homeowner that is enjoying their home with friends and family. I think it is time to welcome and appreciate the fact that we are almost back to normalcy. It should be celebrated that we have gotten to this point.

Thanks for your time,

Mindy and Tony Brar

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From: Marcia Cutchin [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 13, 2021 6:59 PM
To: City Clerk Mail; Linda Evans; John Pena; Robert Radi; Kathleen Fitzpatrick; Steve Sanchez
Subject: Written comments council meeting 6/25/22

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- 4) Public Comment or Agenda Item Number Matters not on the agenda
- 5) Subject - STVR Conditions for Coexistence
- 6) Written Comments

Dear City Council Members,

Congratulations on the recent reduction of complaints to the code enforcement team. Your actions have put the great number of STVR operations we have within our residential communities in check.

As a direct result of your decision to cease issuing any new licenses, a measure of the dispute surrounding the licensing of businesses in our bedroom communities has been alleviated.

Going forward, residents who are not currently immediately adjacent to or surrounded by a proliferation of STVRs would appreciate the council reviewing the following conditions for co-existence.

The current wording of an "indefinite" stay on issuing new permits leaves the residents responsible to petition council an indefinite number of times to keep the industry and ambitious investors at bay.

The Ad-hoc committee, the N4N report and residents have repeatedly asked council to set a cap on the number of STVRs it intends to license in our communities.

In several surveys, an average of 67% of the residents in the city of La Quinta have expressed a desire to ban all STVRs from residential neighborhoods. However, the majority of Council Members have stated they support STVRs. The current wording of the stay, "indefinite", implies the council may use a future review session to permit more STVRs in our communities.

Investors continue to renovate homes by converting them from living spaces to short term vacation rental spaces. Real estate agents continue to list houses as "a great vacation rental opportunity". Several homes recently purchased sit empty waiting for council to "review" the stay, in anticipation of an increase in licensing allotments.

Please understand that residents view the pressure from the industry and the review process as a constant and never-ending threat to our peaceful enjoyment of our homes. Every time a property goes up for sale there is the constant threat that an investor will purchase it and lay in wait until the council decides, "Well we didn't have any complaints this month so let's issue more licenses".

It would be ideal if at this time the council would address the following conditions for coexistence. We don't want to wait until an uptick in complaints arise or a review that requires residents to again issue the number of STVRs in our neighborhoods.

Please review the following and begin proceedings to facilitate the conditions for coexistence for the welfare of this community.

Sincerely,

Marcia L Cutchin

CONDITIONS FOR COEXISTENCE – RESIDENTS & STVRs

DENSITY, FREQUENCY AND DISTANCING:

- 3% cap in individual neighborhoods.
- 300 ft distance requirement on all new licensing
- Occupancy density 2 per bedroom.
- On premise parking only as was in the 2012 original licensing.
- Minimum rental periods or maximum rental transactions.

ENFORCEMENT:

- Staff will maintain an around the clock code compliance team that will answer all calls with a live member of the code enforcement team all 24 hours – 365 days a year.
- Code enforcement will resolve all complaints within 30 minutes of the call.
- If staff is not equipped to resolve the complaint in 30 minutes, call the police.

RESIDENTS' COMMISSION/BOARD:

- Appeals, Citations, Suspensions, Remediation, and Licensing

- Board to consist of residents who are not STVR owners or any persons directly or indirectly profiting from the STVR industry.
- **Appeals for citations and suspensions** will be referred to the citizen's board for review. The city manager and/or staff will not be authorized to personally waive any citations or suspensions.
- **Remediation:** This board will work with residents who file a grievance regarding impact or over saturation in the immediate vicinity of their homes. The hearings will seek to find solutions to remedy the deterioration of their quality of life due to the proximity of an STVR or an over concentration of STVRs.
- **Future licensing:** All future applications for licensing will be reviewed by this committee to ascertain if they fall within the density limits and outside of the distance limits. This committee will perform inspections for parking requirements and assess potential intrusion on neighbor's quality of life.
- **This board may determine individual requirements may be necessary such as special trash pick up services to be imposed in the interest of fostering equitable co-existence.**