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**CITY COUNCIL
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MARCH 21, 2023

From: jeffreyfultz@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 9:31 PM
To: City Clerk Mail
Subject: In regards to the development at the corner of 50 and Washington.

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Dear city council,

It has come to my attention that a low income housing project is proposed for this site. I would like to state my objections to this project. Resale value, traffic, additional policing cost are just a few objections. Please consider townhouses or dense single houses instead of a moderate size and cost so as to not adversely affect housing cost. Lowering housing costs would also reduce property tax income for the city.

La quinta has worked very hard to make the downtown area a destination. This would be a detriment to that...

Blessings

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“May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you His peace.”

From: Jim Alderson <jim10463@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 5:47 PM
To: Monika Radeva; Jon McMillen
Subject: Written Comments for 3-21-23 Council Meeting
Attachments: To the members of the La Quinta City Council 3-21-22.docx

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Hi Monika,
Please include my attached letter in written comments for the 3-21-23 Council meeting.
Thanks,
Jim Alderson

To the members of the La Quinta City Council,

I would like to second Kay Wolff's kudos to the staff and residents who are meeting to strengthen the STVR program. And I agree with her observations.

The proponents of Measure A were not, and are not, opposed to STVRs. We merely want them in properly zoned areas. Here is a quote from the City of Pacific Grove which sums up our feelings.

"A bedrock principle of this community and our local government is the preservation of residential neighborhoods and the protection of people living in residential neighborhoods from the negative impacts of incompatible uses. Zoning is the primary means we have used to put that principle into practice."

Next I would like the study session to explore the cooperation of HOAs at PGA West with the City in dealing with code violations. The Master Association at PGA West spends over \$2 million per year on our gates and patrols to serve the La Quinta residents that live within our HOAs. The MA uses Allied Universal Security and they are able to investigate disturbances and document their findings in a professional and efficient manner. Yet those disturbances are not reported to the City. This cooperation would go a long way in rooting out unlicensed rentals.

Personally I think it is a good sign that the citizens of La Quinta have started to take active roles in City issues. On the budget issues I raised I feel we had lively, but professional, input in meetings I had with the council and in meetings with Jon, Monika, Claudia and George.

I think we are off to a good start in moving forward after Measure A. The peaceful transition of STVRs to TC zoned areas and hotels appears to be working. The Signature development is almost sold out. As Kay points out the two main issues going forward are zoning and code enforcement. Hopefully we can all cooperate and reach good solutions.

Jim Alderson

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From: Kay Wolff <KayWolff@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 1:39 PM
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Subject: WRITTEN COMMENT ON MARCH 21 STUDY SESSION #3.
Attachments: CouncilLetterMarch 20.doc

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Monika, please forward my attached letter to the Council Members for tomorrow's study session on STVRs.

I appreciate all your efforts to strengthen the STVR code. Regards to you all, and happy spring!

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To the members of the La Quinta City Council:

First of all, many thanks to staff members, Monika Redeva, Lori Lorette and Kevin Meredith who have met twice with a small group of residents regarding short term vacation rental regulations. They have spent hours in and out of meetings to delve into the intricacies of the municipal code and its enforcement. Their time and expertise is crucial. Our work together is ongoing.

Our goal is to utilize the rules now in place to improve the neighborhood living conditions.

Some improvements can be made through administrative or enforcement changes, but several need Council action to reset policies so that code enforcement can enforce them.

As you ponder over the issues in the March 21 Study Session, please take into consideration the following observations:

- The community needs your support to reaffirm the ban established in Ordinance 3.25.
- The problems that are generated by STVRs can mostly be attributed to the number of occupants of the rentals. THE MORE PEOPLE, THE MORE PROBLEMS. The more noise, the more parking, the more trash.
- The number of occupants is dictated by the code, and relates to the number of bedrooms. Many homes have exceeded the number officially listed on Riverside County Assessor documents. This is permitted in La Quinta by the 35% rule (§3.25.050). Depending on the square footage of the home, owners can add up to seven bedrooms, increasing occupancy by 14 overnight at one location. If the Council were to rescind this rule, we would expect a decrease in noise, parking and littering.

- The number of bedrooms also dictates the number of required parking spaces. The permit states an owner may count no more than two on-street spaces, the others being in the garage, driveway or carport. However, when the guests arrive, they are allowed to use as many on-street spaces as they wish. The Council could require guests to occupy no more than two on-street spaces. This would decrease congestion in the neighborhoods and improve access by emergency vehicles on narrow streets.

We in the community are working on ways to get concerned neighbors to report the problems they are experiencing, and not just suffer and complain. We believe that working together, we can resolve many of their concerns.

There are other issues that our small group is pursuing with staff, and they are most helpful and cooperative. The above two regulations would be great strides forward by Council to strengthen the code. It is within your power to change the regulations. It would demonstrate the Council's support for neighborhoods still enduring problem STVRs.

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