

Greetings:

I am writing to express my dismay at the idea of prohibiting local governments from restricting vacation occupancy. As someone who lives in a small resort community, I think this is a terrible idea. It would completely change the character of our

town and virtually make it unlivable. The only thing that stands between hundreds of tourists moving in and out of houses every couple of days in our neighborhoods are the city's regulations. Without those regulations, those of us who actually live on

residential streets, would end up living next door to hotels. It would, in effect, create a zoning change from residential to commercial, as the rental homes on residential streets would virtually become like hotel/motels and our neighborhoods would be ruined.

Not only that, but I see an equal protection argument here. Those who have the wealth to live in gated communities, would not be affected by the lack of regulation and the resulting swarms of tourists taking up very temporary occupancy on their streets. However,

those of us who live on residential streets would be the ones whose neighborhoods would be negatively impacted.

Finally, small communities have governing bodies, elected by the people, who make rules that are for the betterment of the entire population. To take away the ability of a town to create its own regulations, as long as they are non-discriminatory and allow for due

process, would be a first step toward a centralized over-reaching state government.

We like our city government. When we don't, we have a platform to voice our opinions and the city responds. SB 621, rather than allowing for more freedom of the individual, actually does the opposite and tells our small town that it does not

have the right to regulate itself to make the city more livable for its citizens—another Republican step toward fascism.

Thank you,

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