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Hello,
As our planning commission, I am asking that you review the STR regulations within the county to help protect the residents who live here. I understand there are a lot of concerned people who have houses as investments which I understand why they would be but an investment shouldn't be at the expense of the community. We live on a street(Prowell) with around 40 hours and we have at least 5-6 STRs that aren't owner occupied. That is 10% of the street alone and I there are a few instances I know of directly where there have been issues with the rentals and the owners didn't care or weren't there to do anything about it. This leaves the burden on the neighbor to deal with it and yes they can call the owner if they know how to get a hold of them or the police but that still means they are up in the middle of the night dealing with it. Let me ask you this, do any of you want to live next to a party that happens regularly? I mean honestly, do you want to have to get up at 2:00 in the morning to call the police or just lay in your bed not sleeping weekend after weekend because an STR is going nuts which they often do on or near our street?

I don't know about each of you but I value community and you absolutely do not have that when you have guests coming in weekend after weekend. That is just truly sad. I also believe that if someone buys a house and the only way they can afford it is to rent it inflates the prices because they are willing to pay a lot more for it knowing they can rent it out to cover the cost. That puts them at an unfair advantage over those that are looking for a home to live in. I just can't see how you can responsibly do that to your community and neighbors.

I do think there is a place for a balance between supporting tourism and community but if there are no restrictions the balance will not be held. We as residents need your help as our planning commission to do what we can't which is to create rules that can foster community and neighbors and support tourism. Just think, would I want that next to me all the time..most would say no.

Thank you,
Monica Watson