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Subject: ad hoc Vacation Rentals Committee

Unfortunately I will be out of town for our last meeting on 3 October 2018. It has been welcoming and enlightening to meet the talented pool of concerned citizens on our committee.

Since I cannot attend the meeting I offer my two cents in written form:

I reviewed the draft ordinance prepared by the Planning Department Staff. I was disappointed there was not an outright prohibition on vacation rentals in R-1 and R-2 zones. Those zones are traditional family style neighborhoods where commercial or business activity has generally not been allowed. Hopefully, the committee will revisit this issue before a final recommendation is made to the Planning Commission.

The evidence we were presented suggested vacation rentals where the owner is on site or a local person, do not, over the long term, disturb neighbors compared to vacation rentals managed by a third party entity. Unfortunately, I can't think of a way to differentiate between a local on site operator and an absentee owner in the proposed ordinance. Hopefully, our work will not adversely impact the vacation rentals of some committee members, which were universally considered well managed and a community asset.

Finally, it seems that the issue of vacation rentals in our city is a conflict between residents who live here, work here and reside here year around and an industry that is driven to maximize an economic return. Hopefully our work will restore some balance to the on going conflict.

Thank you,
Braulio Escobar