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To: Planning Department
Subject: Short term rental comment

Hello,

I received a letter about 505 Park Street. Assuming they have enough extra parking spaces for guests, it is far enough from my house to not be a personal problem for me.

BUT, I have a big problem with the city allowing so many short term rentals when there is such a shortage of year round affordable housing. In looking at the AirB&B offerings in Sitka, I can see that some people I know have converted their regular relatively affordable rentals to short term, much more lucrative rentals. I also see people who own more than one home using the short term rental system. Where are the locals who can't afford to buy a home supposed to live? The city supposedly is studying the problem of affordable housing, while creating much of the problem with numerous variances on residential properties to change to short term rentals.

Let the hotel industry take care of visitors, and Sitka take care of its own residents.

Thank you,
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