

Sample Letter to PC and CC from supporters of VR caps

Email your comments to:

PC: lynda Guernsey [lyndag@sanjuanco.com] CC: sjc county council [council@sanjuanco.com]

Please cc your letter to: keepsanjuanswild@gmail.com

PC hearing agenda for Friday 20 August 2021: https://www.sanjuanco.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_08202021-2510

How to compose and send your letter:

1. Prepare to write a new email
2. Select, or highlight, all the information following the line below.
3. "Copy" that information and "paste" it in to your email system
4. Your computer may not properly format the letter that you just pasted. Some computers work fine, some don't. If your computer doesn't format the letter properly, you may need to re-paragraph the letter in the appropriate places.
5. Modify the letter as you wish. *Be sure to replace the [bracketed] information in the letter with your unique information [island, name, etc.]*

Date: [insert the date]

From: [insert your name, island]

To: San Juan County Planning Commission and San Juan County Council

Re: Establishment of fixed permanent caps on the total number of Vacation Rental Permits

I write to support the letter (located at <http://doebay.net/VR/PCCCaugletter.pdf>) sent to you on 11 August 2021 from David Turnoy and others regarding the establishment of caps on Vacation Rental Permits (VRPs) in San Juan County (SJC).

I have lived on [insert island] for [insert number] years. I moved here to enjoy the quiet, tranquil, rural, community-minded nature of [island]. I am distressed to see the crowds. I am concerned about carrying capacity of the islands to provide sufficient water, waste water treatment, transportation safety as well as the negative impacts created by transient populations on noise levels, road and infrastructure impacts, and acceptable levels of commerce in activity centers. I am particularly concerned about the loss of community in my neighborhood and in the activity areas on [island].

Please pay great attention to setting appropriate caps that reduce the current negative impact of VRPs. Ensure that the data used to calculate caps is the most current and most accurate available; caps should be set no greater than the currently existing active and compliant VRPs

for each major island. Also ensure that these caps are permanent and that they are re-evaluated every few years to ensure that they are sufficiently restrictive to prevent the challenges that we have been facing for the past several years. Such re-evaluation should be done with the intention of lowering caps as needed to minimize if not eliminate the negative impact of over-tourism.