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Subject: Short Term Vacation Rentals

Aloha,

I am a Lahaina resident and I've lived on Maui for almost 20 years. The concern over illegal short term rentals and the difficulty in finding rentals for residents has grown out of control. I hear it from friends and family every day. Friends are moving out so owners can rent their house to tourists. I understand that owning a home here is out of reach for many and renting is the only way. It seems completely irresponsible to keep allowing non residents to buy homes then turn around and rent them out to tourists on sites like VRBO. Our traffic is out of control because half the people that work in Lahaina can't afford or can't even find a place to live in Lahaina. Short term rentals allow more and more tourists to come, more cars, more traffic. These people spend way less money than if they stayed at hotels. I hear of couples renting out rooms for \$100 a night!! It's hurting everybody. Other cities are taking action and we need to follow. It's already out of control and it will only get worse. Solutions are out there, you need to start implementing them!!!

Mahalo, Ronit