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LU Committee

From: Scott Hughes <scott@hughesphoto.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 10:30 PM
To: LU Committee
Subject: Re: Bnb Permit Update

Aloha,

I sent my thoughts on the BnB Permit bill a few days ago. Is pasted in below the following. I was unable to attend the meeting on the 23rd nor will I be able to attend the Friday meeting.

I understand that a couple variations of the initially proposed bill are being considered and wanted to share my thoughts with you.

- a) The current proposal is not acceptable for reasons stated in my initial statement.
- b) Councilmember Carroll's amendment sounds to be quite reasonable for all presently involved and I support it.
- c) Councilmember White's is a better alternative to the current proposal and would consider it acceptable although I prefer Carroll's amendment.

Please be fair to those that have followed the correct procedures in your decision making process.

Thank you.

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10/22/18

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If short term rentals are the true source of the problem, address the individuals/companies that are doing so illegally, not those of us that are attempting to provide a service in a legal manner. Perhaps the change should be made to affect applications submitted after a future date, a date which has been made public.

If this bill is passed as written, I would revert to using my ohana as storage and home office because the rental revenue is minimal for the efforts and trouble after maintenance costs, income and other taxes, fees, etc.

I hope you consider the fairness of this bill to those who followed the procedures as stated. Thank you for your consideration.

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On Mon, Oct 22, 2018 at 3:04 PM Scott Hughes <scott@hughesphoto.net> wrote:

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