

EDB Committee

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Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 11:40 AM
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Subject: Short term home owner tax increase, increase in assessed value

Mayor Victorino and Council:

I am again writing in favor of a fair and reasonable tax rate for vacation rentals.

As you are aware, current Short Term Rental Tax Rates are \$9.28/\$1,000, the third highest rate only exceeded by Hotel and Time Shares rates. These already high rates are exacerbated by escalating property values that are in many cases in excess of what the property can bring on the open market. The current tax rates are not only currently very high, but they are applied on an unreasonable value.

Our family has owned our condo since 1985. We not only pay sales taxes when we are in Maui, but also property taxes, car rental taxes and other state and county taxes. Our family uses the condo approximately 50% of each year. These proposed increases will put a heavy burden on our meager retirement incomes. We believe it is much better to raise taxes on segments of the tax base that do not affect their personal taxes significantly. If increases are necessary for road maintenance, and other county services, than the entire community should be equally taxed. Short term rental property owners are not voters, and we feel that they are being taken advantage because of this.

Sincerely,

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From: Mhare <mhare2@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Real estate increase

Please refrain from increasing our real estate taxes for hotel rentals that are individually owed to be the same as timeshares. It is inequitable to ask an individual to pay the same as 52 owners. We have both worked 30 plus years to pay for our maui condo and hoped to spend more time there as retirees and real estate taxes being the same as timeshares with many owners is an unfair tax.

Sent from my iPhone