

"Aloha" - I'm Sharyn Stone, permitted B&B owner since 2009, having applied in 2001. I wanted to be legal ... to 'do the right thing.' Silly me.

You just heard Kutira tell you about the financial and emotional realities of what it means to have a permit. The 'rewards' of 'doing the right thing', are, so far, pretty underwhelming.

And those rewards just keep coming. Recently, you agreed that it would be a great idea to come onto my PERMITTED property with ONE HOUR'S NOTICE, just to check that I am in compliance.

So, having been dumb enough to 'do the right thing', I expected Maui County to do the right thing – by enforcing against those who hadn't bothered to apply for permits (something you *promised you would do in the original legislation*).

But nothing. <sup>*much happened,*</sup> ~~For years. The County claimed it couldn't find illegal vacation rentals. I sat down at my computer for 3 hours and came up with 150.~~

Eventually, we heard about your great new software, specially developed to track down illegal vacation rentals. Finally! 7 enforcement officers now, AND the help of a third party. Yes! But what's the FIRST thing you do with this wonderful software that we've been hearing about for 2 years? You go after the PERMITTED operators/ to make sure they're 'displaying their permit numbers' properly on advertising websites. I just got two RFS's for only having my tax ID displayed, instead of my permit number, on two old websites I hadn't used for years.

*Those people who never applied for permits ... are the smart ones.*

And now, you want to bring the hammer down on the use of accessory dwellings for a B&B or STR. The numbers don't support that! We have 130 permitted B&Bs. Fewer than half of them utilize/ accessory dwellings. There are 213 STR's – a quarter of them use/ accessory dwellings. There are more than FIVE THOUSAND/ accessory dwellings in Maui – so only TWO PERCENT OF ALL EXISTING ACCESSORY DWELLINGS are being used for permitted B&Bs & STR's. Of course, more of them are being used by – wait for it - UNPERMITTED B&B's & STR's.

Truth time. No affordable housing has been built for years, and my tiny industry has become a convenient scapegoat. In this age of ugly and divisive politics, pointing fingers at the 2% who are trying to 'do the right thing' will not fix the problem.

I think it's time/ for *Maui COUNTY/* to do 'the right thing'.

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