

*In Whom It may Concer as to vacation rental permits on
Molokai*

I am not comfortable with the idea of phasing out Legally permitted vacation rentals on Molokai. In the last ten years the County has worked so hard on the permitting process and we have invested in good faith to obtain legal permits. Existing permit holders should be allowed to renew.

It would be a disservice to the community to set the cap to zero. Please set the cap to allow the existing homes to remain.

If complaints are a problem, perhaps this body could request a part-time inspector to reside on Molokai. And, neighbors also have the ability to have register complaints with the County. There have not been any complaints registered in 2019 on the current permit holders, the complaints that were registered in 2018 and earlier that involved certain permits were also addressed.

Legalization of short term rental homes has helped to meet an established need for our tourism industry, allowing a small business to flourish. The permitting process was created to regulate and limit short term rentals in the community. Phasing out the permitted operations will leave Molokai open to more illegal operations, who will not pay the higher tax rates applied to permitted operations.

There is demand for a limited number of short term rental homes on Molokai. Moreover there has been significant investment from the Maui County budget 2019 towards Molokai tourism.

We have gone through considerable effort and expense to be legally granted a permit. We want to work with the community and believe that we have made the best efforts to invest in tourism in Molokai through the legal process. We do not believe that we should be giving up this land use right that we have paid so much to obtain through the county's permitting process.

We absolutely want enforcement of those operating without permits or those violating the terms of their permit. However revoking our permit that has never had any issues, or not letting us renew our permit that was legally obtained should not be something that this committee is considering. It is detrimental to the community and punishing a small business operating to the best of our ability to the benefit this community that we are a part of.

We want the community of Molokai to thrive. We want to support the rural subsistence lifestyle that is here, and we want to support the kind of tourism that the community needs. We feel that the limited Short Term Rental homes available on the island is a critical part of the community. We do not support capping them out to zero.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Matthew & Leonard Graham
STMO 2013/0004

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Marty

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Martha and Leonard Yuknis

I agree with what has been stated in the above letter. However, I feel I might add how this affects us and how we fit in the process.

We purchased our property on Molokai in 1975 and built our cottage in 1976. We have enjoyed spending time at our cottage for the past 45 years.

During those years we also have rented it every way from long term, local renters and finally short-term vacation rentals. We have found that the short-term vacation renters have been the easiest on the house, the neighborhood and the ocean.

1. They enjoy coming and watching the sun rise and set from the yard.
2. They are limited in the number of people that can stay at the house,
3. the number of vehicles that can be parked in the yard,
4. They must adhere to rules such as quiet hours and no large parties.
5. They enjoy the solitude of the island without disturbing the neighborhood.
6. The renters shop locally and often eat out locally as well. This allows small businesses to do well.

1. We have gone through the permitting process for a number of years.

2. We have gone through the inspection process and paid the county fees.

3. We also have paid the TAT and GE taxes as well as a property tax. This enables the government to have the income to help with the needs of the state and county.

I hope you will allow those vacation rentals that are currently obeying to the rules to continue to operate and renew.

Sincerely

Martha + Leonard Yuknis STMO 2013/0004

Martha and Leonard Yuknis

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-new*

Jay Anderson - testifying on behalf of Leith Anderson

My name is Jay Anderson. My parents Jean and Leith built a simple yet beautiful home on Papohaku Beach in 1985. Today, I take care of this house, our family home, because my mother has passed and my father is now 95 years old.

I am here, on behalf of my father, to testify in support of a limited number of STRH Permits for Kaluakoi on the west end of Moloka'i. My father currently has a STRH Permit and the rental income helps us keep my mother's dream of a family home and gathering place alive and it also supports several part-time jobs for local Moloka'i residents. (I have attached a list of some of these payment amounts.)

However, as with so many things there are both pros and cons. The worst problem that I see is that there are too many ILLEGAL Short-Term Rental Homes, either they are NOT complying with the conditions of the permit or they are operating with NO permit at all.

Therefore, I would also like to testify in favor of an amendment to create an additional Fee of 5% of total annual rental income for each and every STRH. Ideally this money would stay on Moloka'i to help fund a more rigorous enforcement effort.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify today.

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LIST OF MOST SIGNIFICANT EXPENSES FOR 75 PAPAPA PLACE, KALUAKOI, MOLOKAI, HI
96770 FOR YEAR ENDING DEC 31, 2019 (in US DOLLARS)

PROPERTY TAXES	10,941
GET & TAT	8,452
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	11,448
JANITORIAL/CLEANING	5,968
UTILITIES-WATER	5,105
UTILITIES-ELECTRIC	3,292
TREE TRIMMING	3,600
PROPERTY MGNT	3,525
YARD SERVICE	3,030
INSURANCE POLICY	1,643
INTERNET	1,545
TV CONNECTION	1,248
TRASH DUMPSTER	1,125
VEHICLE RENTAL	1,114
POOL MAINTENANCE	598
PEST CONTROL	312

Testimony Regarding Short-Term Vacation Rentals on Molokai

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January 28, 2020

Aloha,

My name is Arabella Ark, and I am a Molokai resident, having lived in Waianae on O'ahu for thirty years and in Hana, Maui for twenty years. I do not own a vacation rental nor do I plan to own one. I am here, however, to testify on behalf of the need for a small number of short-term vacation rental accommodations on Molokai.

There are several areas of need for short-term rentals. First, is for family events hosting lots of people: baby luau, graduations, weddings, funerals and more. Second, is for school events where off-island schools travel to Molokai. Third, is for sports events: canoe races among them. Fourth, is for business events—whether state or county workers coming to do necessary jobs on Molokai or businesses sponsoring workshops or seminars, there are people who need a place to stay. Fifth, is for special events: religious conferences, yoga workshops, art happenings, to name but a few.

For the aging home owners on Molokai on a fixed or limited income, rising property taxes along with the cost of living may cause them to sell their homes. If the opportunity to rent rooms or cottages on their property were available, it might afford them enough income to prevent the sale of their precious homes.

I would like to add that I enjoyed owning Maui B and B in Hana for seven years, before all the regulations went into effect. I met wonderful visitors from around the world, and I was able to share much of Hana's history with them. I am an aging single artist. The income I earned from the rental of my cottage helped me meet my expenses. I did not apply for a permit under the new regulations. Why? Because, among other things, I would have lost my homeowner property exemption. But, I ask, what did the county lose? The transient accommodations tax I would have collected and employment for those who worked at my place. Hana went from over 130 bed and breakfast accommodations to around forty. Many people lost work who had formerly done cleaning and landscaping, hitting our small community hard.

If I read the proposal correctly, I understand that when an already legally permitted vacation rental is due for permit renewal, it will not be granted. If this is correct, how patently unfair. An owner has made an investment in this business, and, in my view, if they have not received any citations or complaints, they should have every right to continue operating their rental.

I suggest for your consideration that it is short-sighted to eliminate existing, permitted short-term vacation rentals.

Thank you.



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Maui County Council on Molokai
Planning & Sustainable Land Use Committee

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am for the Mana'e Goods and Grinds Permit.
Our community, island, eastend people needs to this
eatery to provide cooked and daily food for our people.
It's very important that we allow them to have
it to provide services to our Eastend people and the
people of Molokai.

I am against Vacation Rental Cap and the
Chopra Hale Apartments. We don't need anymore
Short term rentals here with high rent and people's
land tax are gone higher.

Sincerely,
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