

From: Robert Danziger <bobdanziger@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 5:29 AM
To: Mohammadi, Jayne F. x7708
Cc: Jason Burnett; MPWSP-EIR
Subject: Re: Short-term rental and the Peninsula Desal Project, and Big Sur Exemption

Hi Jayne,

I am a supporter of Supervisor Potter, and I think he would be well served to delay any action on short-term rentals until after a Regional Water Supply has been approved. I am not a political expert, but it seems clear to me that acting now, when it has just been documented that there is the equivalent of 641 new hotel rooms in the form of illegal rentals (see "Monterey Peninsula Cities Grapple with Boom in Short-Term Rentals" http://www.montereyherald.com/business/20150603/monterey-peninsula-cities-grapple-with-boom-of-short-term-rentals?source=most_viewed), could easily blow up the water project, hurting everyone. All of these new hotel rooms - and note that the vast majority do not have stay-at-home owners - would never be allowed new water hook-ups under the current rules, and any hotel project of that size would require years of environmental review, and would likely never be approved.

I'm not an expert, but it seems crystal clear to me that if Monterey is serious about a water supply it must not approve thousands of new hotel room equivalents (in just 2 rentals near us they had 28 people on many weekends), and must make every effort to stop the current invasion of hotel-equivalent rentals who are stealing our water supply, affordable housing, and the quiet enjoyment of their neighbors homes.

The Supervisor risks looking very bad on a number of points, and I hope he doesn't do anything to hurt his re-election chances

Best,

Bob

On Jun 9, 2015, at 2:36 PM, Mohammadi, Jayne F. x7708 <MohammadiJF@co.monterey.ca.us> wrote:

> Good Afternoon Bob,
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> Thank you for your email. We appreciate your taking the time to share your concerns regarding short term rentals. Your comments are very important and I want to assure you that your email will be reviewed and carefully considered by Supervisor Potter.
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> Sincerely,
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> Jayne Mohammadi
> Aide to Supervisor Dave Potter
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> The miracle is this - the more we share, the more we have. ~Leonard Nimoy

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Robert Danziger [<mailto:bobdanziger@mac.com>]

> Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 7:41 AM

> To: Mohammadi, Jayne F. x7708

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> Subject: Short-term rental and the Peninsula Desal Project, and Big Sur Exemption

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> Hi Jayne,

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> Has the increased water use from Short-Term Rental been factored in to the Environmental Impact Report of the Regional Desalination Project? If not, isn't the Board of Supervisors obligated to notify the Public Utilities Commission of the expected impact of the hundreds of illegal rentals already occurring, and the dramatic increase in those numbers and resulting water use that will occur if such illegal rentals are made legal?

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> Also, we are aware that Big Sur has asked to be exempted from any new ordinance allowing Short-Term Rentals. I believe that any exemption that applies to them should equally apply to Carmel Highlands and the areas in-between. All of the arguments they are making apply with even greater force to the Highlands, and exempting one without the other will create huge traffic jams and other strains on local resources, including access to timely emergency services, that affect both communities. This is particularly acute because Short-Term Rentals take away housing for local workers, increasing the strain on the roads and resulting traffic.

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> Best,

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> Bob Danziger