

Board of Trustees:

I am a returning resident to Aurora after living out of state for more than a decade. I am writing to offer my full support of the Village Board's pending legislation to regulate and restrict short term rentals in Aurora. Growing up in Aurora the small town values and community this village provided set the framework for how I evaluated every place I have lived since and why I returned to this community. Since my return in 2022, I am deeply grateful to the Village Board for all the steps they have taken to preserve the last vestiges of the values this community instilled in its residents and preventing Aurora from becoming a "destination town".

A village that is made up of full-time residents is the ideal. It is a place that families move to to raise their children. It is a place where the statement "it takes a village" is how you live. Where you know your neighbors and they watch out for you as you watch out for them. Short term rentals are not the answer to creating this community. The sense of community gets lost, as they are only in town for a night or two. They don't put children into the schools, they do not get jobs in the community, or shop at the store, or volunteer at the fire department or truly participate in community events. So the community shrinks. And the safety and support that it provides shrinks.

In conclusion, I support the Village Board's commitment to preserving the values and ideals of the village of Aurora by regulating and restricting the use of residential homes as short term rentals.

Sincerely,

Allyson Murphy