

To Members of the Board,

Bill and I have lived in Aurora for fifty-three years and have been home owners here for fifty.

We realize and appreciate the many difficult decisions that must be made by Board members regarding many issues, and tonight, on Short-term rental guidelines.

We encourage the Board to take steps to ensure that Aurora will limit the number of short-term rentals that are permitted for the benefit of Aurora's future and residents.

We encourage any Board members who own rental properties in the Village that they rent out on a short-term basis to consider abstaining from voting on this issue.

We encourage any Board members who have relatives or close friends who own rental properties that they rent out on a short-term basis to also consider abstaining.

Personal interest needs to take a back seat in any decisions that are made to ensure a healthy future for Aurora. We already have far too many STR properties for a village of our size.

The diligent research, findings, and recommendations of the independent committee need to be enacted.

The economic benefit to be gained by a few must not take preference over enacting STR guidelines that will promote a quality-of-life benefit for our entire community and our future.

As we all know, the downsides of having an imbalance of STRs are many including:

our inability to recruit emergency-services volunteers;

our inability to host a full slate of candidates who will run for office;

the potential for increased noise and decreased safety;

driving up the cost of housing;

having too few homes available for purchase or rent for individuals who want to live here full time and contribute;

among other reasons.

Many communities, large and small, have successfully managed this difficult decision.

We urge Board members to limit the number of STRs and restore many of the key recommendations of the original proposal prepared by the independent committee.

Thank you,

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