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I have to think about this some more. Is our comp plan group's focus mainly 'density' (limiting short-platting of parcels & limiting tourist 'beds') or is it just as strongly a focus on affordable housing for islanders? It seems to me there is quite a lot of work already done (on this island) re: the affordable housing problem. If we mean to discuss this issue too we should plug into/learn from what affordable housing groups have already begun and be careful not to harm their message.

On Sat, Jul 15, 2017 at 2:08 PM, joe symons <joesymons@me.com> wrote:

He has talked with the **Regional Housing Authority** about Section Eight housing, the national program providing assistance to low-income renters. “Which I qualify for,” he says pointedly. “It’s pretty humiliating, at age 41, to ask the federal government for help with housing.” He does not want to leave the area, for fear of putting his child custody in jeopardy. “I’m scared,” he confesses. “I’m kind of trapped in paradise.”

from:

<https://www.outsideonline.com/2198726/did-airbnb-kill-mountain-town>

Please submit this to the PC as part of the conversation regarding the vacation rental ordinance update.

Please read this article. it is spot on re the national housing challenge faced by other small “beautiful” communities such as San Juan County due to short term transient rentals.

Joe Symons