

**Accessory Dwelling Unit
Ballot Measure
“Pro” Statement**

A detached guest house or “accessory dwelling unit” has always been a part of the rural landscape of San Juan County. In the late 1990s, the County followed the Growth Management Act and a state-wide model ordinance when it allowed just one attached or detached ADU on each parcel in the rural and resource lands.

The County assures a guest house does not double density with restrictions on: size, location, occupancy, ownership, and proximity to the main house. In 2002, studies confirmed that only one in seven residences have an attached or detached guesthouse and only 4% are used for long-term rental. Only 48 were permitted for vacation rental.

In 2003, the Growth Board decided that a guest house in rural and resource lands must be attached to the main house. Given the local restrictions, it should not matter if it is attached or detached.

A guest house provides a flexible and affordable source of housing. A guest house may begin as a place to call home while the main house is being built. It may become a caretaker's home. While some are rented (often to people in need), most are used for family and guests.

Vote Yes!

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