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Subject: Concern about regulation of Short-Term Rentals in Raymond

Hello Ms. Fredricks,
I am aware of a meeting happening tonight that will address the short-term rental initiative. As a resident of Raymond for over 20 years, I'd like to urge the Board not to regulate a citizen's option to rent their property. Once we purchase our property, we should be free to do with it as we please within the boundaries of the law. Many folks in Raymond depend on this income to get by in difficult times, or to help pay for property taxes that continue to rise.
I also have grave concerns that a few individuals are attempting to pass this ordinance based solely on a need to interfere with a neighbor's right to enjoy their property. If no laws are being broken, and the peace of the neighborhood is not disturbed, no one should limit what they do. There should be a 'mind your own business' mentality. 'Policing' neighbors promotes antagonism and animosity.
Also, our beautiful town is a perfect place to host events. Graduations, weddings, birthdays, prom parties, and reunions happen all over Raymond regularly (this I know having been to many of these 'events' with my children over the years). Raymondites love getting together. It's a good thing. Events bring the community together and help build relationships, which then promotes lifelong friendships and networks of support. These social relationships have been studied and data shows they are critical to longevity, mental health, as well as mental acuity. Limiting events in Raymond goes against everything people want and need to be happy. There has never been ordinances to control rentals and the town is doing fine. Why start now? Furthermore, this would put a massive

damper on our tourist industry, one of the only revenue generating areas left to Raymond.

I urge the Board to consider the greater good, and not allow a fabricated problem (fear mongering) to interfere with a property owner's right to enjoy and use their property as they see fit.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the discussion.

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