

February 7, 2026

To: The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors

Re: BOS 2/10/26 Meeting Agenda 7.6 Short-Term Rentals

I am in support of the formation of an ad hoc committee to develop recommendations for a Short-Term Rental Ordinance for Lake County. Ms. Turner recommends that the committee include members from Tourism Improvement District, local chamber, Fire Chiefs, housing specialist, Business Association and Short-Term rental owner. To achieve a better balance, the committee should also include a representative from the Resort/Hotel/Motel industry and a representative from the residential community.

Lake County can certainly learn from the short-term rental experience of the counties at Lake Tahoe, the City of Mt. Shasta, and seaside communities such as Santa Barbara. Short-term rentals touch every entity including Resorts/Hotels/Motels/Inns, availability of houses for purchase or long-term rental with their affordability and the residential communities in Lake County. I am certain that Lake County wants to support Law Enforcement, Firefighters/Paramedics and those working in the medical field, our life saving first responders, with a supply of affordable housing. In addition, it is my hope that Lake County wants the Resorts/Motels/Hotels/Inns not just to survive but to thrive. The Resorts/Hotels/Motels/Inns have management on site, employees with benefits contributing to Social Security, and are subject to health/safety laws with inspections.

Lake County's focus should not be solely on tax revenue from short-term rentals but taxes from all sources. However, it is my understanding that Patrick Sullivan has been making great progress at locating and collecting transient occupancy tax from short-term rentals that have flown under the radar for years.

The formulation of a comprehensive short-term rental ordinance needs to consider the impact on businesses, those wishing to become residents, the existing residential communities, and quality of life for residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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