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Hello,

I am writing to express my **strong support for Item #36** on the 10/11/22 BOS agenda.

First, the overlay also needs to include **all houses** on Presilla Rd, in Santa Rosa Valley. Currently, the map excludes two houses on Presilla. One of which is currently operating as a short term rental, the aftermath of which has caused the neighbors to mobilized as our peace and quiet has been directly affected by the TRU. To keep out any houses in Santa Rosa Valley is illogical.

Second, my support for the overlay is based upon the following:

- 1) The **peace and quiet** that our SRV neighborhood has enjoyed has been negatively impacted by high traffic and constant loud party noises of unregulated short term rentals. The unique layout of SRV, which consists of high and low valleys, creates a sound chamber at certain parts of the neighborhood. The loud sounds can be heard and carried at a much further distance. This greatly impacts the quiet enjoyment that all homeowners in SRV are entitled to, but now have to deal with such nuisance like never before. There is no accountability associated with an absentee owner of a short term rental, that is the subject of nuisance calls. This threatens the stability and charm of this small SRV community.
- 2) Continued maintenance of **public safety** in our neighborhood is threatened by short term rentals. Out of town visitors with little connection to this small neighborhood have shown little regard for safely driving. More importantly, it is known that short term rentals are used for parties, which runs the risk of criminal activity, including but not limited to: underage drinking; illegal drug use, drug deals, physical altercations leading to serious injury or death. A simple google search will reveal the many tragedies that have occurred at short term rental properties. These parties in neighborhoods are not like parties where the owner or member of the owner is also present. These parties at short term rentals typically are attended by party goers with no connection to the home or neighborhood. Furthermore, when law enforcement gets called for a loud party or traffic safety in SRV connected to a short term rental, that is time and resources of law enforcement that could be better spent protecting other areas with high priority calls.
- 3.) Currently, there are no regulations on these short term rentals and the county and tourism is losing out on **revenues**. It is not uncommon to hear that out-of-town investors are buying up residences (in this housing crisis) and turning them into motels for visitors. If we already regulate hotels/motels on where they can operate, why can't we do the same for short term rentals? Moreover, the county is missing out on an opportunity to rightfully regulate and collect taxes and fees from these businesses; and also, with more short term rentals, it will only negatively impact the tourism and lodging industry.

Please confirm receipt and deliver my public comment to the BOS.

Thank you for your time.

Be well,
Sami Greenberg
(Resident of Santa Rosa Valley)