

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I understand you are considering the matter of STRs (short-term rentals) tomorrow morning, Wednesday, November 17.

Affordable housing is a huge problem in Mendocino County. Many teachers and other professionals are currently not able to secure housing. This leads to difficulties in hiring qualified employees in the positions that keep a community vibrant. We do not need rentals being taken out of the market for Air BnBs. Please place a strict limit on the number of Air B&Bs, vacation rentals, and any other form of short-term rentals allowed in the county, and don't allow them at all in residential areas.

On a recent tour of Venice, Italy, we were shown the last remaining neighborhood (real neighborhood) in Venice. The rest of Venice has been taken over by Air BnBs.

During the early days of Covid, it was mentioned that some Air BnB owners flaunted the rules that applied to visitors to hotels and motels. That's not fair. It is necessary to impose strict fines and enforce regulations. Please require on-site managers, adequate parking, and limits on guests and noise. Please don't allow one person to have more than one license.

There should also be a website showing where legally licensed STRs are located to make it easy for injured parties to report violations.

Thank you for your careful attention to this issue.

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