

**Lisa Enourato**

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**From:** zach poff <zpoff54@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2022 4:14 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Thoughts

I am a home owner and employee in the Wood River Valley. I recently had to move out of my condominium in Ketchum, however I wanted to keep it and try to provide housing for local employees. Having worked in a number of different fields including the service industry and Government positions, I have been saddened by fellow employees having to leave the valley or not accept new positions due to the lack of housing. I put my unit on the market in February of 2022 and had over 30 inquires within the first two days. I met with all candidates and ended up renting to a couple that work for a local non-profit and the Community school as a teacher respectfully. I also rented at a reduced price to accommodate their financial needs in an effort to keep them within the community. I am not a wealthy member of the community as I work for the US Forest Service however I wanted to try to help with a long term rental as they are in great need currently.

Recently I received my 2022 assessment notice and found that my property will more than double in net taxable property value. This does include the loss of the homeowners exemption. I am fearful that after 1 year I will have to either raise the rent significantly (taking it out of the range of our local workforce) or sell this property. Is there any thought on providing some tax relief to those that commit to maintaining a long term rental? My neighboring unit recently removed three tenants and has listed that property for sale for similar reasons. Those are three more displaced local workers and I do not want to contribute to that cycle. I am happy to pay my taxes, however I feel that given the current situation I may be forced to, like many others, displace two more engaged members of our community. Again I would ask, is there any thought on providing some tax relief to those that commit to maintaining a long term rental?

If there is not any relief I do not see how it is viable for someone in my situation to provide any rental opportunity.

Thank you,

Zach Poff

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**From:** City of Ketchum Idaho <participate@ketchumidaho.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2022 6:52 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Friday, June 10, 2022 - 6:51pm

Submitted by anonymous user: 160.2.72.254

Submitted values are:

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Question/Comment

I am a home owner in Ketchum, and rent my condo through Airbnb. I was very disappointed to receive a postcard this week, informing me for the first time that I have an application for my rental due in less than 3 weeks at a significant cost, with unreasonable penalties. This does not feel like a democratic decision and unbecoming of a typically thoughtful city council. I would appreciate an opportunity to speak with a city council member.

Of note, I am a physician in Boise and have helped out at your local hospital during COVID, as well as recently when the hospital was understaffed. I feel like this is a real slap in the face.

Amy Baruch MD 208-484-1248

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.ketchumidaho.org/node/7/submission/10542>

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**From:** Kris Bowman <polovacations@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2022 8:11 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Cc:** polovacations@yahoo.com polovacations@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Housing options

In my opinion the housing for workforce should be located in the Hailey and Bellevue in areas where working families can have normal lives and have space and amenities to serve them. Ketchum is not family friendly for the average income level and there is no space for children, multi-family cars, single family homes, or affordable housing or affordable grocery shopping or restaurants. We are only talking 12 miles down valley. Most people commute to work 45 to an hour a day in the average city. There is no room for Ketchum to grow without changing the historic, mountain town feel that exists today and is what makes the town unique for attracting tourism.

All ski/resort towns have support cities surrounding them and the opportunities should be focused in those areas. The focus of Ketchum needs to be placed on traffic, and regulating the tourism that keeps the city thriving. We should be looking at the towns similar to ours and gauge the successes and failures that they have experienced and evaluate their solutions to compare with our ideas. We can then create a strategic plan that we can follow in phases that can be measured by implementation.

This is a complex issue and we are not alone so let's do our homework and bring the research from other resort towns to educate the decision makers before moving forward.

Thanks, Kris Bowman  
Resident

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**From:** james rosenfeld <powderskiing1@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 12, 2022 1:45 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Development in Ketchum

Slow it down! Growth is not the answer to a housing shortage. With limited land, the only realistic direction for growth, is up. Not many people seem in favor of that, and I tend to side with them in many areas. Maybe funding for SV/Ketchum economic development should be redirected/set aside for affordable housing?

I am a stakeholder and have been one for 50 yrs.

I supported Bluebird, but that's it. It's time to develop some govt. policy, with teeth, that will push back on the air B&B epidemic that has swept over this country and seems to be consuming most destination communities such as ours. Air B&B fees, comparable to what the hospitality industry pays, might be another source of funding.

I get the economic benefit for the real estate community, but it does absolutely nothing for improving quality of life for the rest of us wanting to live here. It only improves the bottom line for a few slick/well connected realtors, who will come and go with interest rates, leaving a few caught in the frenzy, to go bankrupt. I've seen it more than once. Do not continue raising option taxes or we will certainly become the ultra luxury resort a majority can not afford or want to visit.

A response from govt. with an action plan is needed. Forget the \$ politics and do what's right to maintain the quality of life we all want.

Sincerely,

Jim Rosenfeld

POB 1195

Ketchum resident/CC commercial property owner

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**From:** Mitch Long <m.long.boise@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 9:45 AM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Action item #10 regarding new furnace at visitor center/Starbucks

What type of furnace is this? Is this a heat pump? If not, how does this fit into the city's effort to have 100% clean energy?

Thank you.

Mitch Long  
208-484-6866