
Fw: NO to Short-Term Rental Deregulation for Sanders/Armstrong Family

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Message:

Hi Jason,

It has been awhile, I think about you from time to time cause of everything you do for our community a lot of it unseen or put under a major microscope and I want you to know that I think you are doing a great job.

Dylan and I respect you and everything you have done for our community from the ground up - from POP to your work now. We wanted to pass this note along because we know you love our community, this is your family's home. Your blood, sweat and tears are literally in our land's soil and you have an opportunity to continue keep it local and set a standard so Sandpoint stays in the locals hands and our neighborhoods don't get taken advantage of by the lure of short-term rentals.

I am reaching out to about the upcoming proposal for deregulation of short-term rentals.

First, if there is a better person I can reach out to please let me know.

Second, my family would benefit from the deregulation of short term rentals (we have a second home in town that we do long term leasing and we are on the city waitlist for airbnb permit.) HOWEVER,

even though we would benefit we are AGAINST the proposed deregulation of short-term rental because we know it would change the character of our town.

What makes Sandpoint Sandpoint, from my opinion are the locals. If we begin to make decisions without them in the forefront of our minds, our community will drastically change. As someone who was a first hand witness of Coeur d' Alene changing from local focus to tourist focus decisions (my grandpa was on the City Council and advocated for the locals while also knowing Cd'A was and would be a popular tourist destination. He was a part of the McCeun Park transformation and the library. His name is Jim Elder - check him out.) He knew that the heart of the city and what keep people visiting, is the charm of the locals who actually live in the community. If we start to make decisions with the developers or tourists or short term visitors in mind we loose the essence of the community, us the locals - we loose what made where we live appealing in the first place, because its the locals who bring the charm to the community, with their jobs, being active members in the community, and our special and safe neighborhoods that are truly neighborhoods, where kids run from house to house to play (my friends who don't live here are shocked that I let Gwen run over to the neighbors to knock on their door to play cause in their communities they can't do that cause its turned transient. Unfortunately if our homes get bought up for short term leasing we won't know who are neighbors are, our neighborhoods turn transient and I don't think we would comfortably let our kids run over to the neighbors).

People will still visit regardless of this decision. But if developers or leasing agencies are able to buy up homes in our community and switch them to short term rentals we are no longer living next to our neighbor, we longer have a neighborhood. If decisions for our community are no longer in the hands of the locals or made with them in the forefront of the mind but are made with a small group of people in mind who don't have the locals best interest because they aren't directly impacted by these decisions our community will change drastically into one we don't recognize. And trust me from being a witness of what happened in Cd'A it happens quick and before you know it the community looses its Soul. We don't want Sandpoint to loose its Soul.

I hope this doesn't come across as bashing you or criticizing you, Dylan and I wanted to share our thoughts with you and why we are against the proposed de-regulation of short term rentals for our community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

All the best, Lauren Sanders and Dylan Armstrong