

Dear Committee Members,
Please post our letter regarding SB-621.

My husband and I own Brook Street Apartments. We currently have a mixture of VR's and long-term rentals with-in our complex.

The property has been in our family for about ten years and we have been part of the community for the last 25 years as either residents and/or frequent visitors.

When first purchased the property was barely habitable and we (our family) have a huge investment of time and money (most of which is at local businesses) that would virtually be impossible to recoup as entirely long-term rentals. at the same time making a difference in the livability and overall improvement of the neighborhood.

Since we started operated VR's, we have actually improved the nature of our tenants. in fact, we've had no complaints about our guests and refer them to local businesses and sights, bringing tourism revenue to the neighborhood and City of Newport.

We find that we have a unique demographic that chooses to stay in VR's as opposed to hotels or other options. We feel that limiting VR's will deter these tourists from staying in Newport.

That being said, we will, if necessary, join with other affected property owners to defend our rights to ensure that all our investment of work and money has not been wasted.