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Hello there! We need to continue to do all that we can to make it easy and fun for visitors to come to our county! The guests are almost all affluent and from the bay area. They visit all the local sites and spend money at the local businesses. This is greatly needed in a county that has struggled for years with little to no opportunities for younger people, little to no jobs, a struggling local economy.

I understand the concern of removing affordable local housing. I have offered my property to local renters in the past years and to be honest have had really bad experiences. I've had tenants go to jail, be on drugs and leave my spaces completely destroyed. The hip camp guests are ALL respectable and clean, because through the company they are held accountable because if they get bad ratings, they won't be allowed to come.

I need this income to be able to survive in this county. If I can't continue to host campers, i'll have to put my property up for sale and move to a more affordable place.

Thanks for your consideration.

Eli