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Dear Commissioners,

Having just read the proposal to allow campers and those in RV's essentially to flood private parcels in all sorts of places throughout the county, I find myself surprised by the lack of consideration given the those who live in private neighborhoods and have a belief that their homes deserve to be treated with a sense of privacy and sanctuary. Is this about economic opportunity, like for those who operate Air B and B's? Well, this proposal dodges any meaningful form of accountability, either by the county or on behalf of neighbors who want no part of this scheme. Do local law enforcement officials agree with this proposal? Do they mind that a meaningful chunk of their upcoming time during vacation months up here is going to be taken up by dealing with much larger numbers of so-called 'transients' who are burdening neighborhoods with after-hours 'party' issues? The county is already well behind on the most basic of road and infrastructure issues. Budgeting for dealing with an increased accumulation of people on wheels will impact the county. Impacts will also come in the form of noise and garbage and basic sanitation and inevitably clueless people who are not in tune with the the notion that their 40-foot Winnebago is parked on the lawn of a neighbor who wakes up to shockingly find it there one morning. Is the county going to reimburse people who are wronged by damage caused by such behavior? Or do you just anticipate there will be a dramatic uptick in the number of small claims actions taken following party time in the county? And then you call it good?

I've lived on my property, in the house I built, since 1987. I've always paid my taxes. I will continue to do so. And as a person in this category, I have to tell you that I find this proposal in stunning disregard of neighborhoods and privacy and the simplest forms of respect due to those who value the simplest of assumed rights. Please make note that I strongly oppose this poorly thought-out proposal

Sincerely, Steve Weingarten. Property owner in this county for 37 years.