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To the City Council, (comment@danapoint.org)

Several members of this Council may not know the history of STR policy in Dana Point. In 2016, a Referendum against the City's STR policy was passed by over 4,000 of Dana Point's registered voters that caused the City Council to rescind the policy. Within the rules of the Referendum, the Council could have had their policy voted upon rather than rescind it. STR operators even requested the vote at a Council meeting; but the Council refused to do that, maybe because they knew it wouldn't pass. In February 2023, the Council decided to try again and approved another STR policy. Residents requested that they be allowed to vote on it but the Council again refused. Dana Point may be the only City on the planet that is promoting more STRs in their city. Many Cities prohibit STRs as do most HOA's.

Which leads to the question of whether the City Council is representing Dana Point's residents or STR special interests? The current policy provides limits to the number of STRs allowed, but more than the Coastal Commission would probably have approved. At the same time the City doubled the number of STRs that can operate in the City and the Council can increase that number at any time. The policy also "grandfathered" pre-existing STRs. For years STR operators knew that they were operating without a policy in place that required CCC approval. This provision is a special benefit for STR investors that is not in the best interest of Dana Point's residents.

An Initiative concerning short term rentals has been submitted to the City. Residents have an opportunity to finally get the vote they deserve. In the coming months residents will become better informed. I believe the Initiative is far superior to the City's policy and represents the best interests of all of Dana Points residents.

Respectfully,
Alan Bell

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Doubling the amount of STRs is not in the best interest of Dana Point. Residents have a right to expect quiet neighborhoods where children can play and families can enjoy their yards and streets.

STRs threaten available housing and encourage businesses (hotels) in our neighborhoods. They are not welcome and do not belong.

Residents should be allowed to vote and prevent the proliferation of STRs in neighborhoods. STRs should be in commercial and mixed use zones only.

The City Council represents us, not commercial entities and you need to do the right thing.

Stop the excessive STR permitting!

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