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1. (o) Ridgecrest
2. (o) No Response Needed
3. Janelle Callahan
4. janellecallahan@gmail.com
5. 2/3/22
6. 2022 Comprehensive Plan Docket
7. Thank you to staff for the response to my proposal to define and track short-term rentals. I submitted this proposal through the comprehensive plan process because I believed that is how recommendations designed to support the goals of the comprehensive plan are reviewed and considered. I accept staff's recommendation that my proposal does not move forward in the docket but could be considered in the context of the housing action plan or another process

instead.

I became interested in short-term rentals after realizing that they are not tracked in Shoreline and many other jurisdictions. I created a news alert for “short-term rental policy” in August 2020 and have read articles almost every day since then. Many communities, large and small, are having to react to bad situations with too many short-term rentals. Bad situations can create backlash and banning of short-term rentals altogether, which is an unfortunate move against a use that can have real economic benefits if managed well. Some communities like Everett have been proactive about short-term rentals by defining them in code and monitoring the numbers. My hope is that Shoreline will do the same.

Only after I became interested in this issue, I learned that there is a short-term rental in my neighborhood. I never would have known this unless a neighbor mentioned it. I have not had any problems with it. However, it made me wonder if short-term rentals might be more common in Shoreline than some might realize. I felt compelled to submit a proposal because of the perspective I gained in reading so many articles, the surprising coincidence of one in my neighborhood, the unknown numbers in Shoreline, and our region’s affordable housing crisis. The response to this crisis may be hindered by insufficient data about factors affecting the housing supply. I know we are all concerned about housing, and I look forward to continuing the conversation about potential actions. Disclaimer - I am a member of Shoreline’s Planning Commission, but the views expressed in my proposal and statement above are solely my own. They do not purport to reflect the views of the Commission or any other members.

Thank you,
City of Shoreline

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