## **Meg Jacks**

From:

Sent:

May 29, 2021 3:14 PM

To: Subject: City of West Kelowna Submissions

**Short Term Accommodations** 

Good afternoon

I appose the change to our Bylaws to allow Short Term Accommodations in Residential neighbourhoods

Thank you

Brian Noble 3172 McIver Road West Kelowna B.C. V4T 1E7

## **Meg Jacks**

From:

Curt Jansen

Sent:

June 3, 2021 11:58 AM

To:

City of West Kelowna Submissions

Subject:

Letter of support Short Term Accomodations

We are in support of the revised Short Term accommodation plan as proposed, thank you for sharing

Regards,

Curt Jansen Keloka Drive, West Kelowna

## **Meg Jacks**

From: Heather Youl

**Sent:** June 3, 2021 2:19 PM

**To:** City of West Kelowna Submissions

**Subject:** Attention City Clerk. Reference File P 20-16

Hi there,

I am writing to express my opinions about the bylaws of the proposed short-term accommodations in West Kelowna. I am glad to see amendments to the proposed regulations by allowing secondary suites and carriage houses to be part of the short-term rental pool. I think this is great for a number of reasons.

The first is that secondary suites provide accommodation for couples and small families who may not need or want a whole house. Simply renting a room in someone's home is also not a good option for many people as well.

Secondly, I believe that homeowners who live on-site of their short-term rentals make better hosts than those absent such as condo owners. Homeowners/hosts can react immediately to noise issues, can mitigate parking problems, and must show accountability to their neighbours. As many of the complaints about short-term rentals in the Okanagan are in regards to the noise from "Party Houses" I feel the proposed regulations wouldn't mitigate that already existing issue. I think the amendments requiring rentals to be hosted (just as secondary suites would be) or monitored by a local contact are excellent.

Lastly, I feel as someone who has travelled extensively staying in short-term rentals for work purposes, I always looked for secondary suites. This is because they had amenities like a kitchen, private bathroom, separate entrance, and are a quiet space to get work done in. Staying in someone's unsecured rec room in their basement without any facilities is just not realistic or enjoyable when travelling for weeks at a time. Hotels are usually more expensive (as are full homes or condos) and don't typically have any facilities such as a kitchen either. Secondary suites fill a niche for short-term renters outside of the vacation rental market.

I look forward to hearing what the council decides finally on this topic.

Heather Youl 1442 Rosemary Court, West Kelowna V1Z 3Z6