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Dear Bridget Reynolds and PAB,

This is a follow up letter after the April 30 meeting addressing short term rentals.

One of the most important things I would like to emphasize that Airbnb's, and short term rentals are an asset to our community. They bring in people that most likely would not come into Langley, because Airbnb and other short term rentals have a very loyal following. These people would not necessarily stay in a hotel/motel/inn. This helps support the local economy, provides jobs, and supports local businesses. This is a win/win, in every way. By the city allowing home/room sharing, this does not take away from anyone or anything, it is a positive addition to Langley.

In regards to affordable housing; Airbnb, etc would not impact affordable housing, either positively or negatively. Those that share their homes or rooms, would not rent to a long-term renter, because most hosts at least live in their home part time. Therefore, it would not be logical for a host that lives in a home part time or rents out a room would offer that to a long-term renter.

Home/room sharing is completely different than a hotel, motel, or inn. It is simply a way for the local residents to make a little extra income, as well as share the experience that a host may offer, and of course all the beauty that Langley brings to others. It is not logical and I believe very inaccurate to compare home sharing with conventional hotels, etc.

Having home/room sharing, brings different experiences and people into Langley, from all over the world. At the Anderson Farmhouse, we have only been home sharing for over a year. Within this time, we have had people from all over the world have a lifetime experience. We also received Super Host status very quickly, with 5 star ratings. We provide a clean and safe home. Also important, we

provide lifetime experiences and bring so many different guests into Langley. Please consider not having such strict regulations that this will negatively impact our community. Please feel free to read about our farmhouse and all the great reviews. https://abnb.me/luj1DbgWyW.
There is no reason to take this type of experience away from others, or restrict short term rentals in our community.

It is my hope that Langley will continue to be innovative and open minded to continuing a good thing.

Sincerely, Tamara Knapp and Dorothy Anderson
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