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**Subject:** Developing greenhouse gas issue with STR

Supervisor Potter,

The State of California is moving to aggressively control Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Since STR takes away local housing, forcing long daily commutes for employees, and thereby increasing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions from their cars, numerous issues are raised. For example, if a carbon tax is to be paid, who pays it? If carbon credits need to be purchased, who buys them? Would it be the County's financial responsibility? The employer's? The employee's? What if the credits are unavailable?

Is this just another example of Short-term renters shifting costs and burdens to their neighbors and the County, to make and increase their own profits?

Please also note that the dense traffic on Highway 1, partly due to STR, and that will certainly be exacerbated by STR, increase the amount of greenhouse gas emissions per mile as cars idle through stop and go traffic.

Also, what about additional electricity, natural gas and propane consumption? These also generate more greenhouse gas emissions, as does the increased energy use from desalination to meet the increased demand for water from short-term renters.

With over 600 illegal units, each with multiple bedrooms, already available (see Monterey Herald article), the County, in my opinion, must look at this the same as if it were approving several 600 room hotels, and follow all of the procedures necessary to do so.

Bob