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Vacation Rentals

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To: "planning@amadorgov.org" <planning@amadorgov.org>

Good Evening,

I am sending this email on behalf of the vacation rental Kirkland Ranch. My name is Connie Stark and I will be the vacation rental assistant helping with the management of the property. I am born in raised in Amador County along with my parents and children. Here is some of my background in the county to give you a better idea why I am passionate about this property and the county.

When I was in High School, I started working at State Farm Insurance in Jackson and received both my P&C License and Life and Health License. The agent I was working for retired due to health issues and I started working in real estate as an office manager and Agent. I managed an office and sold real estate for several years until the housing market crashed in 2008 and I started looking for a new field of work. I then started working for the casino as a Senior Recruiter helping many of our local community members to gain employment. I loved being involved with helping as many people as I could. Years later I had a child and became a stay at home mom. When my daughter became older, I went back to work with a local property management office. I was very involved with owners of properties, the tenants that were in the homes and applicants looking for a house. I then had my second child and wanted to become more involved with the school. I left my job at the property management office and started working at the school as a Yard Supervisor and Kindergarten Instructional Aide. I also joined the local parent group as the President to help with fundraising for the Art and Music Programs. I am still at the School as a Kindergarten Instructional Aide and now the Secretary of the parent group.

I had met Jim Guiffra through the management company I previously worked for as an owner I was helping. When I received the call to help with the property and still be able to have my kids with me and involved, I was very excited for the opportunity. After meeting at the house and walking the property I was hooked. Kirkland Ranch is what our county is about, the history, the pride and the opportunity for growth is all Howard Kirkland wanted. There is a wonderful feeling in the home he created with his wife and children of belonging. We want to give people that stay there that sense of what our county is about and the history that comes with it. We have gone through an extensive rental agreement for tenants to sign so they understand to treat the property and surrounding areas with respect and care like all permanent residents do. I agree that some ordinances are needed to make sure that everyone is on the same page with vacation rentals. But to deny the county the opportunity to have vacation rentals is denying people the opportunity to experience our county and heritage.

I want our county to succeed and grow in the right direction as many other residents do. I want my children to grown up here and raise their children like I did with a sense of pride in their community. Without growth in the right direction we are doing a disservice to our future generations. I hope this letter helps with any decisions that need to be made and I will be attending the next meeting regarding the vacation rentals ordinances.

Thank you for your time in reading this email,

Connie Stark