

9/10/19 AGENDA, ITEM 5b - CONSIDERATION OF TWO-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW AND REGULATE SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS IN COMMERCIAL ZONES
SUPPLEMENTAL LETTER SUBMITTED BY DAN AND ALISON PONDELLA TO THE CITY
MANAGER'S OFFICE ON 9/9/19 AT 5:12 P.M.

September 9, 2019


Community Development Department
City of Hermosa Beach
1315 Valley Drive
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Dear Hermosa City Council Members,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to Text Amendment 16-5 – Proposal to amend various sections of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code to establish a two-year pilot program to allow and regulate short-term vacation rentals in existing non-conforming dwelling units on commercially zoned properties. This amendment will allow the serial disruption of our quiet neighborhood. We also have considerable doubts concerning the ability of the city to properly regulate short term vacation rentals. There are currently homes in our neighborhood skirting this ordinance. In specific the units at 30 The Strand are circumventing this ordinance, causing regular disruption. These units have also made it nearly impossible for our neighbors at 22 The Strand to sell their, which has been on the market for nearly half a year. Undoubtedly this continual violation has decreased the value of their house as well. We also believe that this is the first step for opening up all rental properties in our neighborhood for short term rentals, which we adamantly oppose.

If you intend to reduce our property values and disrupt our neighborhood, we will take legal action.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan & Alison Pondella", written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan and Alison Pondella
145 Lyndon St.