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Item B: 421 De La Vina St  
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**From:** [Max Golding](#)  
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No short term rental here!!!

Neighbor Max

**From:** [Kimmie Trojel Berthelsen](#)  
**To:** [Carly Earnest](#); [Community Development ABRsecretary](#)  
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Hello,

I got the "Notice to Neighbor" that Sophia Valenti and John Thyne III have applied to turn 421 De la Vina St into a vacation rental. Why it's even up for discussion is beyond me. We have a severe housing crisis in Santa Barbara. You know it, I know it - it's obvious. Rent is sky-high, and it's impossible to buy a house, if you're just a regular family wanting a place to live. Now, Valenti and Thyne want to take a house that could be a family's home (through rental or ownership), and turn it over to the tourists. I say no! Don't allow this house to go "off the market" for long-term residents! We have plenty of hotels and AirBnB's.

Furthermore, since there already is an AirBnB at 207 W Haley St, allowing another vacation rental right around the corner is only going to signal to more real estate moguls, landlords, and/or developers that this is allowed in our neighborhood, and that there is money to be made here - and they're going to continue to buy up our homes to turn them into tourist housing, evicting and displacing us in the process, and the problem is only going to get worse and worse! It'll get to a point where there won't be enough room in Santa Barbara for everyone that needs to work at all these vacation rentals.

I have lived in my home for over 7 years - my wife has lived here for going on 20. If our landlord suddenly decides that he could make a lot more money by turning our home into a vacation rental, or decides to sell the house to someone who will, we will have to move out of town, leaving our entire lives behind, because we couldn't find anywhere else, we could afford to live in Santa Barbara. Don't let the vacation rentals take over our neighborhood.

Thank you  
- Kimmie Berthelsen