

Trinidad City Clerk

From: Dori Fulk <midori.fulk@vacasa.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 8:48 AM
To: cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov
Subject: 3/27 STR meeting

To the Trinidad City Council;

On December 31, 2019 Vacasa LLC acquired short term rental properties previously owned by Redwood Coast Vacation Rentals. Of our portfolio, six of the vacation homes are located within the city limits of Trinidad.

Vacasa has been committed to taking major steps to combat our global pandemic. On the evening of March 19, 2020, Vacasa implemented an immediate statewide shut down of all its properties following the multi-county shelter in place orders that went into effect throughout the state of California. This meant cancelling all existing and incoming reservations through mid-April. In an attempt to stay ahead of the spread of covid-19, in order to protect employees and public health, Vacasa implemented a global company-wide shutdown of all of its rentals on March 25th, thus cancelling existing and incoming reservations through April 30th and/or until further notice as mandated by the State of California.

Vacasa takes public health, the health of its employees and the overall health of communities very seriously and we support the temporary moratorium implemented by cities throughout the State, but we also appreciate the flexibility of being able to supply housing alternatives to essential personnel, such as law enforcement, medical and emergency personnel, as needed in this region.

Vacasa's CEO and advisors feel confident that these measures represent the best efforts to keep our city safe. I look forward to receiving notice from the City of Trinidad when the moratorium is lifted.

Sincerely,
Dori Fulk



Dori Fulk | General Manager - Humboldt Redwoods

m: 707-497-4151

vacasa.com

If you are a homeowner and are in need of immediate assistance, please contact Vacasa Homeowner Support at homeowner.support@vacasa.com or by phone at (971) 254-3001.

If you are not a homeowner and are in need of assistance, please contact Vacasa Guest Services at (503) 345-9399.

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From: Jacques Beaupre <jcqs.beaupre@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:17 PM
To: sladwig@trinidad.ca.gov; Dwight; Trinidad City Manager; dgrover; jandjwest@yahoo.com; tdavies@trinidad.ca.gov; Gabe Adams; Madrone, Steve
Subject: Comments for Trinidad C.C.M. 2-27-2020

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PROTECT OUR CITY OF TRINIDAD NOW!

Jacques Beaupre

Trinidad City Clerk

From: Jan Nash Hunt <janashunt@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Trinidad City Clerk
Subject: Re: Friday City Council Meeting, STR Topic

Do you happen to know why hotels and bed and breakfasts are not included? I actually am all for this and cleared my place as I don't want outside people coming to our area. But I do feel a little picked on that other lodging is not included.

Thanks, Jan

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 27, 2020, at 2:10 PM, Trinidad City Clerk <cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov> wrote:
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> STR Committee:
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> The Council will be discussing the attached topic at tonight's
> meeting, starting at 4:00pm.
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> We wanted to reach out to the STR committees directly. Instructions
> to participate by teleconference are located on the agenda.
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> Gabriel Adams
> Trinidad City Clerk
> P.O. Box 390
> 409 Trinity Street
> Trinidad, CA 95570
> 707.677.0223
> www.trinidad.ca.gov
> *****
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> <Resolution 2020-02 - STR Reservation Moratorium.pdf>
> <03-27-2020 scc agenda.pdf>

TO: Trinidad City Council

FR: Norman and Anita Thompson

RE: Special March 27, 2020 Meeting of Trinidad City Council, Agenda Item I.

Date: March 27, 2020

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Important: Please include this letter in today's special meeting packet as a comment.

Esteemed City Council Members:

My wife and I are retired home owners who live full-time within Trinidad's city limits. We are writing in support of a moratorium on short-term rental stays in the City of Trinidad.

We must do our part to protect the citizens of our community by restricting access by potential carriers of the deadly coronavirus now threatening California. On March 22, President Trump approved a disaster declaration for California as cases of the coronavirus spread in our state. This followed a statewide stay-at-home order on March 19, by Governor Newsom, in an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19. Since then, other measures have also been implemented in an attempt to mitigate the effects of this pandemic.

It is time that Trinidad followed the lead of other cities and towns that have sacrificed to protect their citizenry. As far as we know (without testing) we presently have no cases of Covid-19. Baring appropriate steps, it is only a matter of time before a visitor introduces this disease into our community. That could be deadly to the elderly who live among us, and to those who already struggle with compromised immune systems. As you are aware, the virus spreads rapidly and Humboldt County does not have the capacity to treat a large influx of patients if this pandemic spreads to our county.

The Airbnb located next to our home is rented almost full-time. We also witness groups of visitors hanging out in front of our house, without social distancing, coughing without covering their mouths and spitting on the ground. Other resort areas in California (e.g., Big Bear, Idyllwild and Palm Springs), as well as the entire state of Oregon, have closed their hotels and Airbnbs. Our neighbors in Trinity temporarily closed their entire town to all visitors; it is time to follow their example.

Measures to ensure that this moratorium is obeyed need to be put in place. In order to enforce their moratorium on short-term vacation rentals, La Quinta, California issued this warning through their City Attorney Bill Ihrke: "Anyone who violates the moratorium will be fined \$5,000 and have their permit and license immediately suspended for one year." Please enforce this life saving measure for our community by implementing a similar deterrent to demonstrate that the city order is not optional.

Respectfully,

Norman and Anita Thompson

I have been communicating with Council Members the last few days. The member who replied was Mayor Steve Ladwig. Eventually Councilmember Jack West started to reply to my emails. I wondered why.

Now I know why. Mayor Ladwig is the owner of an STR/VDU. I do believe that if you read the FPPC and the League of California Cities laws, that if any Council Person has an interest in something that is on the City's agenda (or through emails) they MUST recuse themselves from that discussion. It goes even deeper. That person should leave the room while the item is discussed.

Well, Mr. Ladwig has never recused himself from any discussions about STR/VDU problems and rules. For that matter he has never left the room. Any time these words are used even in a sentence he must recuse himself. This is completely against the law!

I'm asking the City Manager and the Council why this has been allowed to happen. The City Attorney should also know this and discuss this problem in an open meeting.

FPPC

§ 18700.1. Definitions: Source of Income, Commission Income and Incentive Income. (a)(1) For purposes of disqualification under Sections 87100 and 87103, a public official has a financial interest in any person from whom he or she has received income, including commission income and incentive compensation, aggregating \$500 or more within 12 months prior to the time when the relevant governmental decision is made. A public official's income includes income that has been promised to the public official but not yet received by him or her, if he or she has a legally enforceable right to the promised income. (2) In addition to having a financial interest in any business entity from which the official has received income of \$500 or more within 12 months before the relevant governmental decision is made, the official has a source-of-income financial interest in all of the following: (A) Any individual owning a 50 percent or greater interest in that business entity. (B) Any individual, regardless of the extent of the individual's ownership interest in that entity, who has the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of the business entity.

§ 18704. Making, Participating in Making, or Using or Attempting to Use Official Position to Influence a Governmental Decision, Defined. (a) Making a Decision. A public official makes a governmental decision if the official authorizes or directs any action, votes, appoints a person, obligates or commits his or her agency to any course of action, or enters into any contractual agreement on behalf of his or her agency. (b) Participating in a Decision. A public official participates in a governmental decision if the official provides information, an opinion, or a recommendation for the purpose of affecting the decision without significant intervening substantive review. (c) Using Official Position to Attempt to Influence a Decision. A public official uses his or her official position to influence a governmental decision if he or she:

(1) Contacts or appears before any official in his or her agency or in an agency subject to the authority or budgetary control of his or her agency for the purpose of affecting a decision; or (2) Contacts or appears before any official in any other government agency for the purpose of affecting a decision, and the public official acts or purports to act within his or her authority or on behalf of his or her agency in making the contact.

Just one more thing this City doesn't care about!



Trinidad City Clerk

From: Dorothy Cox <crabby2@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Trinidad City Manager; City of Trinidad
Subject: Re: Moratorium on STRs

Please enter this letter into public record for the special meeting tonight March 27, 2020 at 4 pm

City Manager Naffah and all members of the city council

I googled “ essential travel” to begin to understand how to phrase my concerns with regard to the STR business here in Trinidad (and the state of California). These quotes are taken directly from [CA.gov](#)

“The California State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health is **ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence**, except as needed to maintain continuity of operation of the federal critical Infrastructure..

“The order went into effect on Thursday, March 19, 2020. The order is in place until further notice. It covers the whole state of California, and it exempts activity as needed to maintain continuity of operation of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, critical government services, schools, childcare, and construction, including housing”

“Essential services will remain open, such as:

- Gas stations
- Pharmacies
- Food: Grocery stores, farmers markets, food banks, convenience stores, take-out and delivery restaurants
- Banks
- Laundromats/laundry services
- Essential state and local government functions will also remain open, including law enforcement and offices that provide government programs and services.”

I am sure that I could reference dozens more sites that state what the orders are for the duration of this dire time.

Many, many towns, cities and vacation areas are faced with doing the right thing. The bottom line is that it is COMMON SENSE to restrict travel in and out of areas. PLEASE, as a whole community, let's do our part in adhering to the rules of “essential travel” and “ shelter in place”.

There isn't one business that is not going to suffer a financial hardship in one way or another....and I realize for the vacation rentals that they depend on the revenue from renting these homes to keep things afloat. But please, not at the expense of the health and safety of the

locals! Let's all do our part... and as they say on the school yards, let's PLAY NICE. If everyone follows the guidelines, rules and actual laws during this difficult time, we will all benefit. Ads placed on the internet inviting people to our area is not fair to those of us that live here.....we all need to be good neighbors and be mindful of the hazards that come with vacationers that come from other areas in the state or country.

I am asking our council to step in line with other cities and tourist locations and vote to put a moratorium on STR rentals. I would hope for a minimum of 60 days.

Dorothy Cox
Dan Cox

Trinidad City Clerk

From: Jacques Beaupre <jcqs.beaupre@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Gabe Adams
Cc: sladwig@trinidad.ca.gov; Dwight; Trinidad City Manager; dgrover;
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I just replied to Gabe but want to make sure everybody gets my reply.

The postings on Craigslist about STRs, some being fake, that Gabe is mentioning should have been flagged and removed right away. News of these fake postings should have been made... A lot of should ofs.

STRs are regularly posted on Craigslist and this is why myself and others thought the postings were legit.

I still stand by my my argument that the best course of action is to limit strangers renting STRs in Trinidad. Yes it is financially disastrous but so are medical bills and death.

JB

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 3:32 PM <cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov> wrote:

Message received and forwarded to the City Council for consideration at tonight's meeting.

As an important side note for all recipients of this message, many (if not most) of those Craigslist ads are bogus, sent from scammers trying to capitalize on people's fear and panic - not by the rightful owners or managers of the homes represented. These scams are happening worldwide - not just in Trinidad.

Gabriel Adams
Trinidad City Clerk
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----- Original Message -----

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Trinidad, CA

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From: Susan Tissot <susanmgtissot@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:49 PM
To: cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov
Subject: Social Media Ads Recruiting Tenants from Outside the Area to Rent Vacation Rental Units in Trinidad
Attachments: image0.jpeg

Good Afternoon Gabe,

Is the City Council aware that someone managing or owning vacation rentals has posted online ads on Facebook and Humboldt.craigslist.org to attract and rent units to people located in "germ-y cities" to find respite here? Above is a copy of the Facebook Ad which I believe has since been taken down. The ad on Craigslist is asking the renter to self quarantine for 14 days once they arrive in Trinidad. It's very disheartening to see the use of the Covid-19 crisis as a marketing tool. Even more concerning is the danger and risks involved in doing so. We are a small community with limited resources. Most of our residents have taken this situation seriously and are doing their best to self-isolate and do their part to shut down the spread of the virus. Many of our residents are 60 and older. Some of our residents currently have health issues that put them at additional risk. We need to do something to take additional measures to protect the community as a whole. In this case, the property owners clearly do not have our best interests at heart.

I believe the two examples I mention provide significant support for the argument to put a temporary restriction on the renting of vacation properties in our area. It appears we have some people putting business interests over the interests of public health and safety. Please share my email with the council. I'm hoping this correspondence is not arriving too late for tonight's meeting.

Best, Susan Tissot
487 View Ave.

Sent from my iPhone



Redwood Coast



Mar 13 at 11:13 AM • 🌐

An invitation! Come to Humboldt County and "Self Distance" from germ-y people. Take a quiet drive, walk, or hike through our beautiful redwoods forests. Away from crowds, be at one with nature.



#VisitRedwoods #HugaGiant



#HeavenlyHumboldt #Peaceandquiet



Trinidad City Clerk

From: Richard Bruce <rmbruce67@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 6:33 PM
To: City of Trinidad; dgrover@trinidad.ca.gov; dmiller@trinidad.ca.gov; Eli Naffah; sladwig@trinidad.ca.gov; tdavies@trinidad.ca.gov; jwest@trinidad.ca.gov
Subject: Thank You!

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

I attended tonight's special Council meeting by phone and want to thank the Council and City Manager for the timely and proactive decision regarding the moratorium on short term lodging that was unanimously approved. I was prepared to make some comments, but when I saw the decision moving forward I kept quiet so the process could move as quickly as possible. I particularly appreciate the spirit of co-operation displayed by all in adjusting the first draft to cover concerns of the citizens. You can't please everyone all the time but I think you did a really good job tonight.

Dick Bruce