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I don't live on Pedro Point or in the Sharp Park area but on a street the developers called "Linda Mar Estates." Most of my neighbors have lived here 40-50 years. I'm a newcomer: only 39 years. The point is that this is a very established and very quiet neighborhood.

In July of 2021, the 5-bedroom, 3-bath house next door to me sold for nearly \$2 million. A couple in high tech and two sons bought it. They **never** moved in and never intended to move in. They have a home in San Carlos where their sons got to school and where they live and shop. Instead, they turned the house into an Airbnb.

This is an unhosted business enterprise, not a home. It has been removed from the City's housing stock. It is a commercial enterprise in a residential zone.

There have been very large meetings held at this property with as many as 30 cars parked up and down the street. And more usually, there are 5-8 cars and numerous couples staying overnight.

I have tried at least 3 times to confirm that this property is registered as a short-term rental with the City but cannot get an answer to that query.

Half Moon Bay and Santa Cruz, among other coastal cities, have gone down this road already. Why are City staff complaining that this issue is so complicated? Limiting the number of short-term rentals to 150 city-wide does nothing to address the concerns of the people who actually live here—especially when it appears there are numerous unregistered businesses in town.

I urge the Council to aggressively push for more regulations and enforcement.

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