Important Message About Article 60 May 6th Annual Town Meeting

April 3, 2023

Dear Neighbor.

Like you, as Nantucket residents and voters, we care deeply about our island community. We are a group of year-round residents who have come together to share important information with you about Article 60, a proposed zoning bylaw amendment related to short-term rentals (STRs) that will be on the upcoming Annual Town Meeting warrant on May 6th.

Article 60 would protect homeowners by legalizing STRs in residential neighborhoods under one simple condition: that the STR use is less than the residential use of the home. (Residential use means any use by the owner for any length of time or any rental longer than 31 days). Residents who live on their property for at least 6 months of the year would be <u>automatically</u> allowed to STR their home by right without limitation.

We recognize that short-term rentals are an important part of our local tourism economy and provide income for many Nantucket families. However, STRs are not currently legal under Nantucket's zoning bylaw. The Town's lack of action to address short-term rentals leaves homeowners unprotected and commercial interests in residential neighborhoods unrestricted.

We encourage you to join us in voting YES on Article 60.

Article 60 will provide the ongoing STR workgroup with much-needed guidance from voters and a strong foundation for future policy discussions.

This common-sense step to update our zoning bylaw to protect homeowners is long overdue. Last year, over 1,000 voters turned out for Town Meeting expecting to vote on short-term rental issues but weren't allowed to do so. We can't wait any longer to take action to protect Nantucket homeowners and our neighborhoods.

Nantucket can maintain a strong tourism economy <u>and</u> protect homeowners, our island neighborhoods and year-round community.

We've included the full text of Article 60 as well as key facts about this issue. We hope you will join us in voting YES on Article 60 at Town Meeting on May 6th.

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Thank you,

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Please Vote:

Nantucket Town Meeting Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 8:30 am Nantucket High School Mary P. Walker Auditorium

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