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7	Judy Davidson	Swannanoa	28778	Property owner who actively rent STR's - singular owner/ Propietario que activamente alquila su Alquiler a Corto Plazo - Propietario Único ;	I have been with Airbnb with one property since October 2017.	Received email from Airbnb	Help control the amount of STRs in buncombe county.	White/Blanco	Female/Mujer	65+
8	Matt Lutz	Asheville	28803	Real Estate /Bienes raíces;Affordable Housing advocate/ Defensor de la vivienda asequible ;	I have been a broker/realtor with Greybeard Realty since 2018. My family moved to Buncombe County in 1992; I attended Owen Middle and High Schools. I have a heart for more affordable housing in our area and have both actively worked to bring more affordable housing here - as well as utilized resources for, and with, lower income homebuyers (like downpayment assistance, Mountain Housing Opportunities, Self-Help Credit Union and the OnTrack WNC Homebuyer education program) in the past. In 2023, I worked for nearly six months closely with LDG Development out of Louisville, KY, one of the nation's largest developers of affordable rental housing, to broker a multi-million dollar deal to bring a 300+ unit community apartment development largely dedicated to affordable and workforce housing to the Candler/Sand Hill area. I also own a fully-furnished mid-term rental (30+ days) in Asheville.	News sources	I feel strongly that I have a fair, middle-of-the-road perspective on the prospect of banning STRs in Buncombe County - and that moderation is absolutely necessary to bring to an issue as divisive as this one has turned out to be. As a realtor who's affiliated with GreyBeard Realty - arguably one of the biggest opponents of the potential STR ban over the last six months - I carry with me a good bit of that perspective: that STRs do not take away from the affordable housing inventory of a community. However, I also realize - especially as someone who personally deplores the fact that locals can no longer afford to live here (my family moved to Swannanoa in 1992) - that a multifaceted approach will have to be utilized to discover how to bring substantially more affordable housing to our area - and maybe limiting/banning STRs should be a part of that approach. Ultimately, we all deserve the opportunity to really take time to do a deep dive on this issue. I'm pleased that the Planning Committee and the county commissioners have created more space for that deep dive to occur. More specifically, I was one of the attendees of that original Planning Committee meeting where hundreds of folks showed up. I attended as part of the Greybeard "no ban" contingent. However, when I heard individuals from the Emma	White/Blanco	Male/Hombre	45-54
9	Angelica Cote	Alexander	28701	Property owner who actively rent STR's - singular owner/ Propietario que activamente alquila su Alquiler a Corto Plazo - Propietario Único ;Affordable Housing advocate/ Defensor de la vivienda asequible ;Community at-large representative/ Representante de la comunidad en general;Other - provide details below/ Otro - proporcione detalles a continuación ;	I believe I am uniquely suited serve on this committee. I hosted an AirBnb in Bakersville up until a few months ago. I achieved Airbnb Superhost status and was deeply committed to providing an excellent guest experience. It was a small apartment on the property where my husband and I lived. I am also passionate about affordable housing. I served on a policy development team for Children First Communities in Schools, and one of the major focus areas was affordable housing. I have also worked in the Hillcrest public housing neighborhood. I bought my first home with an income-based USDA Rural Development mortgage. I rented my home to a Section 8 tenant via Thrive/Buncombe Rental Assistance Collaborative. For a long time, I myself lived on a very low income. I worked in the restaurant industry and struggled to find decent affordable housing. I also experienced periods of homelessness. I am very reflective on these experiences and desire to contribute to a future where our community members don't have to struggle so hard. From 2018 to 2022, I worked in the City of	Buncombe County Facebook page	Affordable housing and STRs are both impactful issues in Buncombe County, but they do not necessarily have to be at odds. Through collaborative community work, I believe we can find the right balance and improve the situation on all sides.	Multiracial - Black, Asian, White	Female/Mujer	35-44
10	Andrea Golden	Asheville	28806	Real Estate /Bienes raíces;Affordable Housing advocate/ Defensor de la vivienda asequible ;Community at-large representative/ Representante de la comunidad en general;Other - provide details below/ Otro - proporcione detalles a continuación ;	I am a resident of the Emma Community, and have worked to support the development of worker owned businesses, including a property management, maintenance and real estate cooperative. I was also on the technical team who worked on the creation of the Emma Community plan, and am co-chair of our Neighborhood Association. My work is focused on both affordable housing and economic development, so I have a unique perspective on the balance between the two.	Buncombe County Planning Board members and County staff all forwarded this application to me based on my participation in the process so far.	I am interested in participating in a space focused on dialogue that identifies potential solutions that incorporate the varying perspectives. I have a lot of experience in this role from a neighborhood perspective and look forward to being able to contribute to a county wide space.	White/Blanco	Female/Mujer	35-44

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Kit Molina-Nauert	Swannanoa	28804	Property owner who actively rent STR's - singular owner/ Propietario que activamente alquila su Alquiler a Corto Plazo - Propietario Único ;Affordable Housing advocate/ Defensor de la vivienda asequible ;	STR property owner - my husband and I have lived in WNC for decades. We bought our home in Swannanoa in 2015, and it had a tiny home on the property. We have been Airbnbng that tiny home for years. We both are freelancers or work for small local organizations so don't have benefits like healthcare or retirement; having the Airbnb has allowed us to have a retirement plan. It's also given us the financial flexibility to hire local artists, makers, give back to community organizations, and provide an income for our retired neighbors who clean the Airbnb. Affordable Housing Advocate - I've been volunteering in the affordable housing space for 4 years. It started when I was a Housing and Community Development Committee watcher for the Racial Justice Coalition. I also regularly watch the County's Affordable Housing Committee meetings, the City's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, stay updated with the P&Z meetings, watch the Reparations Commission, attended some CRC Housing IFA meetings, attended some Legacy Neighborhood Coalition meetings. am on	Through Jeremy Lett, Buncombe County Community Engagement Manager	I'm an affordable housing advocate who believes we need creative and nuanced solutions. I can see that STRs take housing supply, and I can see that STRs have potential to build community wealth. I want to be a voice in shaping how our community responds - how we can best take care of our neighbors, whether they are looking for housing or supporting their income.	Half Asian / Half white	Non-binary/ No binario	35-44
Jay Gerlach	Arden	28704	Real Estate/Bienes raíces;Other - provide details below/ Otro - proporcione detalles a continuación ;	I served on the Political Science and Public Affairs faculty at Western Carolina University from 2013 through 2020 as an assistant professor, then a tenured associate professor, of public affairs. From 2015 through 2019, I served as the Director of WCU's Master of Public Affairs program. During that time, I mentored students who interned in a variety of government positions, including many at Buncombe County. Eric Grau and Thana Alley, to name two Buncombe County employees of several, are among my former students. State Representative Lindsey Prather is also a former student of mine at WCU. I advised on many policy issues in Buncombe and surrounding counties and placed several government and nonprofit leaders in various positions as graduates of our MPA program. Today, I am a residential Realtor with Dwell Realty Group. Now in my fifth year of real estate work, I feel my background and current role at Dwell uniquely positions me for service on this committee. I would come to the committee with no preconceived notions, but only an interest in helping formulate the best policy recommendation(s) that do	A Buncombe County employee and former student asked me to consider serving.	If I'm able to help and lend unique and applicable perspective I feel it is my civic duty.	White/ Blanco	Male/ Hombre	45-54

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13	Kenneth Fischer	Weaverville	28787	Real Estate /Bienes raíces;Property owner who actively rent STR's - singular owner/ Propietario que activamente alquila su Alquiler a Corto Plazo - Propietario Único ;Affordable Housing advocate/ Defensor de la vivienda asequible ;Other - provide details below/ Otro - proporcione detalles a continuación ;Community at-large representative/ Representante de la comunidad en general;	I have lived in Buncombe County for about 20 years. As a renter in Woodfin I helped manage Airbnb's as part of my rent from 2014-2016, so I was very aware of the regulations passed in Asheville in 2015. That Woodfin landlord was renting out marginal spaces that did not affect the availability of affordable housing. Since buying my own home in the county (current address) we tried renting our basement out as an Airbnb one time, but found that our private road was a big obstacle for folks, and we noticed that bringing non 4WD vehicles driven by people unfamiliar with the roads seemed like it would present issues of maintenance further down the line. Although we do not currently rent out any living space as an STR we now live on a road that is almost entirely STRs (5 out of 7 houses on the road, with another house being an LTR), making us the only owner occupied house on our section of road that has 7 domiciles. This has created some very challenging situations around road maintenance. and I have found	Facebook (I follow Bucombe County Planning and Development).	Because I think that Buncombe County needs to do much more to ensure that people who live here are protected from aggressive and predatory investors seeking to turn neighborhoods into vacation complexes. I also think that this is a relatively cutting edge policy issue and I feel I have a lot to contribute to the discussion both in terms of research and personal experience.	White/ Blanco	Non-binary/ No binario	45-54
14	Candice Matelski-Brady	Candler	28715	Community at-large representative/ Representante de la comunidad en general;Other - provide details below/ Otro - proporcione detalles a continuación ;	I am a homeowner in Buncombe County. I am in a doctoral phase of a public administration degree and have done research on the effects of short term rentals so am familiar with the arguments both or and against. I am also aware of solutions offered in other urban areas	Mountain express	The issue effects the long term planning of the community at large. I have also Masters in mediation and conflict resolution. I believe these skills and a member of the community who also is a Veteran, disabled, who has experienced both housing scarcity and now housing security can be a balanced interested voice willing coming to the table focused on compromised solutions.	White/ Blanco	Female/ Mujer	35-44
15	Carmen Ybarra	Weaverville	28787	Affordable Housing advocate/ Defensor de la vivienda asequible ;Community at-large representative/ Representante de la comunidad en general;	I used to be the Affordable Housing lead at my current job. One of the main areas we still focus on is housing and while it is a specific concern of me, personally, it is no longer my area of work. I also, as an advocate for our community, I'd like to be a part of this discussion	a friend	To help make a positive difference in our community	Hispanic or Latino	Female/ Mujer	45-54
16	Prabhu Kannan	Asheville	28806	Community at-large representative/ Representante de la comunidad en general;Affordable Housing advocate/ Defensor de la vivienda asequible ;	As an experienced community leader with 5 years of public relations and a member of the Austin Committee for Voter Rights redistricting helps me represent my local community and neighborhood, I have honed my organizational skills and developed a deep passion for helping my local community through outreach initiatives. My commitment to fostering positive change and building strong relationships makes me well-suited to serve as a **Community at-large representative.	AVL news	As an active member of the Asheville community, I am deeply committed to fostering a balanced approach to short-term rental policies. My background in business management equips me with a strategic mindset, and I am passionate about ensuring that regulations benefit both residents and visitors. If selected, I will diligently evaluate policy implications, advocate for affordable housing, and contribute valuable insights to create a thriving and harmonious environment for all stakeholders.	Asian/ Asiático	Male/ Hombre	45-54