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## Daytona, get smart on vacation-home rentals | LETTERS

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Give tourists what they want and expect.

I have followed with interest the development of the Protogroup hotel project on State Road A1A. Protogroup now wants to convert some of their planned hotel rooms to “condotels” (condominiums that the owners can use as vacation rentals). This is a great idea, as many visitors to Daytona Beach prefer accommodations that are more spacious than a traditional hotel room, and like the amenities that a home offers.

[READ MORE: Daytona Beach Protogroup developer asks for change to ‘condotel’]

Many families prefer renting a private home for vacation — and homeowners in Daytona Beach would like to rent their homes to visitors. But at present we are limited to six month or longer rentals. As a member of SAVE Daytona Beach Holidays (<https://savedaytona.org>), I urge the city to also stop prosecuting short-term rentals, and to develop sensible regulations and licensing that will allow us to rent our homes to tourists for shorter stays.

My husband and I own longterm rental properties in Daytona Beach, and have worked hard to keep them in good repair and rent to responsible tenants. I also want the option of renting my home to short-term visitors. Why allow the hotels and condo-rental companies to make all the profit, when there are homeowners who are part of this community who are willing to follow common sense rules, get licensed and pay taxes?

I ask the city of Daytona Beach to make a market based decision and give tourists what they want and expect — properly regulated vacation home rentals.

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