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I am writing to express my huge disappointment In the city for putting the rental ordinance in to effect. I have been working for 25 years to create a nest egg for myself and with one vote the city is taking it away. My properties have been devalued and I am going to be left without any choice but to get out of the rental business if this decision is not reversed. I have been a good and fair landlord. I have tenants who I have not raised the rent on in years because they are good tenants.(One of those tenants is over 62 and has been on the property for more than 10 years. As the ordinance is written I now cannot sell the property without being severely punished for being kind) With this ordinance in place three things are going to happen:

1. All tenants will be having their rent raised the maximum amount per year to cover the cost of the ordinance. I have rarely increased rent in the past.
2. When the tenants do leave the property will not be going back on the market resulting in a loss of rental housing.
3. I will be selling and completely getting out of the rental business in Petaluma and move on.

Please consider all of this during the next few months in the decision making process within the Council.

Sincerely,

Scott Shelley

Sent from my Mobile Office