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To: -- City Clerk
Cc: [Landlord Tenant Protections](#)
Subject: Fwd: Housing ordinance
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From: Mark Rupert [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2023 at 2:36 PM
Subject: Housing ordinance
To: <kmcdonnell@cityofpetaluma.org>

Dear Mayor McDonnell,

Please end the Residential Tenancy Ordinance. The current Tenant Protection Act is fully adequate for the needs of Petaluma.

I grew up in and went to Petaluma schools, and after much hard work and saving now own two Petaluma homes, which are currently rental units. I'm not wealthy by any means and these two homes are the majority of my net worth.

Currently, my family and I live in Australia. Now, at almost 63, I will probably settle here. Where we live, near Adelaide, South Australia, is very similar to Sonoma County, with same climate, rolling hills and a lot of eucalyptus trees: life is good here too. I still love Petaluma though and visit whenever I'm in the States.

The two rental units were going to be part of my retirement income, but now that I've moved overseas, as I get older, at some point soon I will want to sell the properties and simplify my life. The ordinance under question would compromise my ability and right to do so. It feels discriminatory and overbearing to me.

We have been very lucky to have great tenants at our properties and we fully support tenants' rights. Yet, the proposed regulation is a step too far and extreme, possibly causing unforeseen negative effects in society. The current Tenant Protection Act is fully adequate and strikes a balance between the rights and needs of both tenants and landlords. The current act is equitable and effective.

Accordingly, I appeal to your common sense, pragmatism and vision in hopes that

you and the city council members will vote to end the ordinance.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

-Mark Rupert

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