From:

-- City Clerk; Landlord Tenant Protections

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Dear Honorable Mayor McDonnell and Council members,

I am writing to strongly urge the City Council to reject the newly drafted just-cause eviction law. As a small family-run business, I operate with a narrow margin, and these days, with the interest rates going up, I am struggling to stay in business. The proposed ordinance would add a significant financial burden on my business and could push me into the negative earning territory.

While I understand the importance of providing tenants with adequate protections, the proposed just-cause eviction law is a burdensome ordinance that unjustifiably punishes housing providers in our community. The egregious costs in this ordinance, placed squarely on the shoulders of housing providers, will push much-needed housing off the already limited rental housing market.

The Petaluma City Council does not need to add more regulations and layers of bureaucracy to already robust protections afforded by renters through California state law. This ordinance will only perpetuate further confusion and bring harm to all members of the community.

As a small business owner, I, Gal Bar-or, urge you to consider the impact of this ordinance on local housing providers who have dedicated themselves to ethically providing families with an essential service. It is time to build more housing, not create more laws and bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Gal Bar-or