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**Subject:** I beg the City Council to listen to its community and reject the newly drafted just-cause eviction law.  
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Dear Honorable Mayor McDonnell and Council members,

As a resident of Petaluma I beg the City Council to listen to its community and **reject** the newly drafted just-cause eviction law. It is a burdensome ordinance that will unjustifiably punish housing providers in your community who have dedicated themselves to ethically providing families with an essential service.

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.

I am a landlord under San Francisco rent control and am now selling my flats. Tenants can leave when they please—as they did during the pandemic—and my flats have stayed vacant. No one would buy them full of tenants who can stay for life. The low rents I used to provide will quickly go to full rate and stay there—in large part because rent/eviction control over time, dramatically raises the cost of providing housing. Everything requires a lawyer and managing flats when you have no power to evict is impossible. As a result San Francisco is in a downward spiral as landlord sell and move to other markets and indeed other states.

The Petaluma City Council does not need to add regulations and layers of bureaucracy to already robust protections afforded to renters through California state law. This ordinance will only perpetuate further confusion and bring harm to all members of the community. It's petty, un-necessary and simply oppressive.

Renters often become homeowners and landlords when they inherit property. Only then do these renters discover just how oppressive and unfair rent/eviction control can be...but then it is too late.

It is time make it easier and less expensive to get permits to build more housing and to add units to existing properties. Now is the time to increase supply, make it easier to be a fair landlord and not create more laws, bureaucracy and hugely expensive legal conundrums for our community.

Make no mistake, there will be a political price to pay. Vote for this unnecessary just-cause eviction law and I will never vote for you. Even as a lifelong liberal Democrat, my money, votes and support will only go to those who oppose eviction/rent control.

Sincerely,

Joe Ansel