

April 17, 2023

City Clerk: cityclerk@cityofpetaluma.org

City Council: landlordtenantprotections@cityofpetaluma.org

In the matter of additional regulations on housing providers:

Dear Honorable Mayor McDonnell and Council members,

We strongly urge 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.

Instead, use the protections already in place to find those landlords who may not be keeping their properties up to livable standards. Owners and corporations who are causing their tenants to move due to flooding, electrical malfunctions, etc., so they can raise rents are the ones to go after. Not those of us who are small property owners. If you must penalize the landlords perhaps limiting it to properties with more than 15 units will help to keep us small owners in business.

The Petaluma City Council does not need to add regulations and layers of bureaucracy to already robust protections afforded by renters through California state law.

We agree that it is time to help build more housing, not create more laws and bureaucracy.

Thank you for your consideration,

Chris and Lori Lopin,
Owners

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