From: H Yang <email.hyang@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 6:30 AM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

Yang Shao; Teresa Cox

CC: CClerk; CityAttorneysOffice; Karena McGee Shackelford

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From: Ling Zhou <ling94539@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:16 AM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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From: taptango@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 1:42 AM

Teresa Keng; Raj Salwan; Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Teresa Cox;
Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao

Cc: CClerk; CityAttorneyOffice@fremont.gov; Karena McGee Shackelford
Subject: Please vote NO on Agenda item 7.A.2 Kassan - Rental Regulations

#### Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on the proposed rental housing regulations that will increase rent on tenants in Fremont. As we have seen in neighboring cities such as Oakland, Berkeley, and San Francisco, overregulation in housing leads to more bureaucracy, adds costs, and reduces housing supply, which increases rent and harms tenants.

Regarding the specific proposals, I have the following comments:

Retaliation - It is critical to assess the data on retaliation complaints received and the percentage of rental housing in Fremont that they represent before imposing additional requirements. This evaluation is necessary to determine if there is an actual issue before introducing unnecessary regulations.

Reasons for Rent Increase over 5% - This proposal will add another bureaucratic procedure that will increase operating costs for renters. Instead, the city should concentrate on encouraging the development of new rental housing, which will lead to a decrease in rent.

Finally, the state is already implementing SB 731, a Fair Chance law that removes criminal records of prior offenders who have not committed a crime in the last four years. There is no need to add a redundant local Fair Chance law with additional administrative expense.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the negative impact that additional regulations will have on housing availability. Let's focus on reducing rent by removing unnecessary red tape and building new rental housing.

Sincerely,

Tuan Ngo

From: Shari Godinez <godinezps@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:24 AM

To: Jenny Kassan; Raj Salwan; Yang Shao; campbell@fremont.gov; Lily

Mei; Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng

Cc: CityAttorneysOffice; CClerk; Karena McGee Shackelford

Subject: Rental Protections

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Thank you, Shari Godinez, Housing provider

From: Brian Xin <br/>Synt: Brian Xin <br/>Sunday, March 5, 2023 12:34 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:03 AM

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Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:55 PM

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Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:28 PM

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Jennifer

From: Leslie Huang <lesliehuang2599@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:26 PM

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From: Carmen <carmen2998@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:23 PM

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From: Weihong Gong <gongweihong2011@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:01 PM

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Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:27 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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CC: CClerk; CityAttorneysOffice; Karena McGee Shackelford

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Fan Yeung

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Connie

From: Meina Young <meinayoung1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:12 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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Concerned small property owner,

Meina Young

From: Mei H <hongmei@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:16 PM

To: Jenny Kassan; Raj Salwan; Yang Shao; Desrie Campbell; Lily Mei;

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Mei Hong

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Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:13 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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Concerned resident of Bay Area, Susan Gao

From: Sandy Tam <sandy0798@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:04 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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Sandy

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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:	<pre>leiwang2003 <leiwang2003@gmail.com> Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:59 PM Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao; Teresa Cox CClerk; CityAttorneysOffice; Karena McGee Shackelford Fremont Rent Review Ordinance Changes</leiwang2003@gmail.com></pre>	
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From: Renhui Zhang <zhang\_renhui@yahoo.com>

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From: Regarder He <regarderhe@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:51 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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From: Yanyan Zhang <yanyanzhang8@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:44 PM

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 5, 2023 7:57 PM

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From: CK Zhang <ckzhang77@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 6:49 PM

To: Jenny Kassan; Raj Salwan; Yang Shao; Desrie Campbell; Lily Mei;

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From: Sophy <soso9602@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 5:15 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 2:22 PM

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To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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Tim Teng

From: Jason H <snow8runner@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 1:27 PM

To: Jenny Kassan; Raj Salwan; Yang Shao; Desrie Campbell; Lily Mei;

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As a long time resident and voter, I will not support any council member who turns Fremont safety into a dangerous zone.

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-Jason

From: William Yu <wwy.yu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 1:16 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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From: Iris Song <iris.song@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 12:47 PM

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From: Jeff Li <1i2588@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 12:46 PM

To: Jenny Kassan; Raj Salwan; Yang Shao; Desrie Campbell; Lily Mei;

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Concerned resident of Fremont, Jeff Li 925-899-9366

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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Best Regards,

A concerned resident of Fremont, Paul

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Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:41 AM

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Yong Liang

From: Dan Pan <dan\_pan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:10 AM

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From: Carl's Gmail <carlkfung@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:54 AM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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From: 辛若菲 <jingmin201@gmail.com>

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Jingmin Yang

From: Chunchi Ma <3machunchi@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:11 AM

To: Jenny Kassan; Raj Salwan; Yang Shao; Desrie Campbell; Lily Mei;

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From: alfred yeung <ayeungcf@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:58 AM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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CC: CClerk; CityAttorneysOffice; Karena McGee Shackelford Subject: Concern of Fremont Rent Review Ordinance Changes

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Monday, March 6, 2023 11:32 AM Sent:

Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; To:

Yang Shao; Teresa Cox

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From: Sue Kwong <suekwong805@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:36 AM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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Concerned resident of Fremont, Fanny

From: 1 w <1vwan666@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:32 PM

To: Jenny Kassan; Raj Salwan; Yang Shao; Desrie Campbell; Lily Mei;

Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng

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Linda Wan

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Linda Shen

From: Chunchi Ma <3machunchi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:58 AM

To: Jenny Kassan; Raj Salwan; Yang Shao; Desrie Campbell; Lily Mei;

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From: Songyue Tang <tangsy71@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:55 AM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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From: Stephanie Szto <stephanie.szto@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 1:03 PM

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Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:42 PM

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Regards,

Zhigang Liang

From: Sent: To: Cc:	Zhigang Liang <marsfly1981@hotmail.com> Monday, March 6, 2023 1:24 PM Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao; Teresa Cox CClerk; CityAttorneysOffice; Karena McGee Shackelford Fremont Rent Review Ordinance Changes</marsfly1981@hotmail.com>
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Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 2:08 PM

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Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:12 PM

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Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:41 PM

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Thank you very much for your understanding,

A concerned home owner of Fremont,

Maogang Wang

From: Qiqi J <wangchunman2018@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:16 PM

To: Jenny Kassan; Raj Salwan; Yang Shao; Desrie Campbell; Lily Mei;

Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng

Cc: CityAttorneysOffice; CClerk; Karena McGee Shackelford

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Chunmiao wang

From: wilson guo <wilsonjianfa@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:56 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

Yang Shao; Teresa Cox

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Thanks and regards Wilson

From: C R <chaki.rokki@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:48 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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Concerned resident of Bay area, Hua Tong

From: Choo Sim <csim233@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:34 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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CC: CClerk; CityAttorneysOffice; Karena McGee Shackelford

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Concerned resident of Bayarea, Julie Sim

From: Qi Sun <qisun1999@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:10 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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From: Qi Sun <qisun1999@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:08 PM

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From: Li Li <yizesmail@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:58 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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From: S Ma <aldernetwork@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:53 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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From: Joyce Joy <hopefulcj@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:40 PM

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From: Kase Reis <outlook\_3A7CE99E5392FEC8@outlook.com> on behalf of Kase

Reis <floorstoyourdoor@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Monday, March 6, 2023 5:54 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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Kathryn Reis

Sent from my iPhone

From: Adeles Fan <adeles.fan@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 5:47 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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From: Desrie Campbell

**Sent:** Monday, March 6, 2023 3:59 PM

To: Anne Rabbit

Cc: Lily Mei; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao; Teresa

Cox; CClerk; CityAttorneysOffice; Karena McGee Shackelford

Subject: Re: Please Vote No on AGENDA ITEM 7. A. 2. Kassan- Fremont Rental

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#### Sent from my iPad

#### Desrie Campbell

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 2

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Anne Xia

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To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

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Concerned resident of Fremont, Lucy

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**Sent:** Monday, March 6, 2023 3:37 PM

To: MM TB

Cc: Lily Mei; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao; Teresa

Cox; CClerk; CityAttorneysOffice; Karena McGee Shackelford

Subject: Re: Fremont Rent Review Ordinance Changes

Hello,

I am in receipt of your email. Thank you for your interest in this agenda item that the City Council will be discussing on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Your input will be taken under advisement as I consider this item.

Thanks,

Sent from my iPad

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Cherry



#### FremontForEveryone.com | FremontForEveryone@gmail.com

Dear Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Fremont:

Fremont for Everyone strongly supports the referral in item 7.A.2 by Councilmember Kassan to direct staff to provide updated recommendations to strengthen the Rent Review Ordinance in advance of the end of the county-wide eviction moratorium.

We are deeply concerned that many of our currently-housed neighbors will lose their housing when the eviction moratorium ends. The City should mitigate the impact as best it can. One important strategy is to make sure that tenants are treated fairly during this time of transition. The Rent Review Ordinance is the existing policy that aims for fair treatment, but there are still tenants who fall through the cracks.

For example, there are those who are afraid to report maintenance needs for fear of being labeled a "problem tenant" and being retaliated against in terms of higher rent or even eviction. When a tenant's only recourse for retaliation is legal action against their landlord, enforcing their rights is a risky move. If they don't prevail in court, they'd be seen as even more of a problem.

Councilmember Kassan's referral takes the measured and practical approach of asking staff to review the issue and make recommendations. The example recommendations from 2019 in turn make practical suggestions such as studying which policies have been effective in other jurisdictions in order to recommend which to implement here.

We strongly encourage you to vote in favor of this referral and to fast-track the next steps so that improvements can be implemented before the eviction moratorium expires.

Sincerely, Fremont for Everyone



From: Lisa Danz <ndara@gmail.com>
Sent: Mrnday, March 6, 2023 9:21 PM

To: cityanal

Subject: I support item 7.A.2 on terrait protections for the March 7, 2023 Council meeting

Dear Fremont Mayor, City Council, and Staff,

I'm writing to express my strong support for Councilmember Kassan's referral item 7.A.2 on tomorrow's (March 7, 2023) City Council meeting.

I agree with Councilmember Kassan's concern that the upcoming end to the eviction moratorium could trigger a wave of homelessness, and her suggestion that now is a good time to improve tenant protections. Fremont has expressed its desire to prevent homelessness, and now is a very important time to act. Coucilmember Kassan's recommendations are modest and practical; she is simply asking for staff to review the issue and make updated recommendations for today's context. This should absolutely be implemented.

Sincerely, Lisa Danz Sundale Neighborhood, District 4

From: Padma Gopalakrishnan <gopalpadma@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:08 PM

To: citycouncil

Subject: No on limiting background checks

Dear city council,

Background checks serve the purpose of keeping communities safe. Making decisions for keeping us safe is the primary purpose of city council.

Please do not loosen background check or eviction requirements in our city. They do more harm than good. That is why Fair Chance Ordinance failed to pass in the county. Fremont police department is already stretched thin and can't deal with any further increase in crimes. Please vote NO on Jenny Kassan's referral to limit background checks.

Sincerely, Padma

From: Evan zhou <evanzhouhunter@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:23 PM

To: Jenny Kassan; Raj Salwan; Yang Shao; Desrie Campbell; Lily Mei;

Teresa Cox; Teresa Keng

Cc: CityAttorneysOffice; CClerk; Karena McGee Shackelford

Subject: Fremont Rent Review Ordinance Changes

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In conclusion, while the intentions behind the proposal might be good, there are serious concerns about their practicality and potential negative consequences. City officials should carefully consider all the factors involved before implementing any new ordinances that could impact landlords, tenants, and the rental market as a whole. SF and Berkeley are not shining examples in housing policy for Fremont to follow.

Thank you very much for your understanding,

Concerned resident of Fremont,

From: Myra Lee <myra.lee@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 2:23 PM

To: Jenny Kassan; Raj Salwan; Yang Shao; Desrie Campbell; Lily Mei;

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From: alice wang <caliwang06@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 3:04 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

Yang Shao; Teresa Cox

CC: CClerk; CityAttorneysOffice; Karena McGee Shackelford

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Thank you very much for your understanding,

Very concerned resident of Fremont,

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: Steven Zhang <stevenzhang2025@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:05 PM

To: Lily Mei; Desrie Campbell; Raj Salwan; Teresa Keng; Jenny Kassan;

Yang Shao; Teresa Cox

CC: CClerk; CityAttorneysOffice; Karena McGee Shackelford
Subject: Concerns about Fremont Rent Review Ordinance Changes

Dear Members of the Fremont City Council,

I am writing to address the proposal presented by your staff which highlights important issues surrounding tenants' rights and landlord responsibilities. However, there are valid concerns about the practicality and potential unintended negative consequences of some of the recommendations.

Firstly, the proposal to review approaches to reduce tenants' fear of retaliation lacks concrete steps and may strain city resources that could be better used elsewhere. Secondly, requiring landlords to provide evidence for rent increases above 5% during the mediation process may create unnecessary bureaucracy and red tape, leading to fewer rental units available and ultimately hurting renters.

Moreover, the proposal may add more risks to property owners operating a rental in Fremont without addressing the root cause of the housing crisis, which is the lack of supply. There is a possibility that the proposal may lead to rental units being withdrawn from inventory, worsening the housing shortage. The example of SF and Berkeley shows that those metros with the most rental laws and restrictions have the highest rents.

Lastly, the current Rent Mediation system in Fremont is working well, with no complaints from either party. Therefore, it would be wise to adopt the old saying, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

In conclusion, while the proposal's intentions are good, there are serious concerns about its practicality and potential negative consequences. City officials must carefully consider all the factors involved before implementing any new ordinances that may impact landlords, tenants, and the rental market as a whole. Fremont should not follow the examples of SF and Berkeley in housing policy.

Thank you for your attention and understanding.

Sincerely,

Steven Zhang, a concerned resident of Fremont