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Hello,

Thank you again for holding a special meeting today on this important topic.

Our board approved the attached letter at our last meeting on 3/28 on this topic, our Board President Marcos Aguilar mentioned it in his public comment on Tuesday.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,



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Dear Supervisor Capps,

I am writing on behalf of the Isla Vista Community Services District Board of Directors in support of the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors taking action to prevent the upcoming mass termination of tenancy at the CBC & Sweeps by the Chicago based developer Core Spaces.

The CBC & Sweeps 250 units make up at least 6% of the rental units in Isla Vista and at least 1,000 people are projected to live there. Dozens of families with children call these apartment complexes home. A mass termination of tenancy would be a significant disruption to the lives of each individual and will have repercussions within the Isla Vista & county-wide housing market.

We urge the County Board of Supervisors to explore every possible legal avenue to protect these residents and minimize the impact to county-wide housing prices, as well as establish policies to restrict events like this from happening in the future. We believe that includes:

1. Funding legal counsel for all tenants living in the unincorporated county facing eviction and termination of tenancy.
2. Updating Ordinance 44.44 to close possible loopholes that may be used in this situation and strengthen its provisions for renters moving forward.
3. Adopting additional legislation to regulate “renovictions” as recently approved by Santa Barbara City Council - Requiring the developer to receive full approval of permits for renovations before any further action can be taken by them, requiring a staggered timeline of implementation, requiring tenants to be able to return to their original rent, and requiring relocation assistance for tenants during renovations.
4. Declaring a moratorium on mass evictions in light of a local & state housing crisis, per Government Code section 65589.5 California has a housing supply and affordability crisis of historic proportions.



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This instance of a mass termination of tenancy is not the first in Isla Vista and if this developer is successful it will not be the last. We must preserve affordable housing and improvements to its quality, without endangering the lives of hundreds of people.

Sincerely,

Marcos Aguilar
President, Isla Vista Community Services District Board of Directors

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Assemblymember Gregg Hart
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