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**From:** Gaby <ninice805@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023 10:24 AM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** Ban renovictions

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Good morning board members,

I am a single mother with a tween in junior high. I am at work all day trying to provide for my daughter who is rebellious, struggling with depression and has had low self esteem and very little public interaction due to her anxiety. I ask you and beg you to please BAN these renovictions. I grew up in santa barbara and instead of getting better for us working residents, its gotten more expensive. I do not receive any type of governmental assistance because im considered being paid \$24.50/hourly - fulltime is over the "low income"

This will not only affect us, working class families aswell as grandparents. Please stop this and provide Santa Barbara with more resources instead of evictions. If we have to move, our work will still be here in Santa Barbara. Driving time, not to mention gas will be outrageous. Any little time I get with my daughter is precious, please help in banning renovictions and allow more low or medium income housing for single moms like myself.

Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration to this important matter.

Att. Gabriela Vasquez

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**From:** Rachel Sim <rachel.ann.sim@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023 10:32 AM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** Protect tenants from unjust renovations!

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Good morning,

I'm a tenant in Santa Barbara County asking you to take action and protect tenants in the county who are at risk of renovation.

Citizens in our county are being pushed out of their homes, becoming homeless, and having to move further and further away from their jobs and their families because unscrupulous landlords are claiming they need to do major renovations in order to evict tenants and raise the rent beyond the otherwise legal limit of 10%.

Like many tenants in the county, I live in fear of receiving a renovation notice. If forced to leave my home, I simply would not be able to afford so-called "market rate" rent. My paycheck simply does not keep pace with increased cost of living. If I am not forced out of the county entirely, I might be able to find housing in a different part of our county, farther from my friends, my community, and my job.

And yet, despite paying my rent on time each month for years and despite the fact that one of the much promoted benefits of being a renter is that my landlord is apparently responsible for repairs and upkeep, my apartment is, by the mere fact of being lived in, in worse condition each year. My appliances are old and inefficient, my front door is drafty, and the paint is peeling. But if my landlord wanted to, they could serve me an eviction notice, make superficial updates and double the rent.

Santa Barbara City recently closed the loophole allowing landlords to unjustly renovate tenants, but our county is a community that isn't contained by city limits. You have the power to protect vulnerable community members across the county, and I urge you to do so.

Thank you,  
Rachel Sim