

Lia Graham General Public Comment



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Esteemed supervisors:

My name is Barbara Wishingrad and I'm a tenant in the city of Santa Barbara, in the 2nd District. I am fortunate to have a good living situation; however, a tenant's situation can change in the blink of an eye.

I do want to thank you, Supervisors, for rapidly passing the urgency ordinance you did on April 4. You acted so rapidly and responsibly that we are all very grateful. However we' now need to ask that you take the next step and pass a moratorium on renovictions and no-fault evictions today.

In Santa Barbara we have had a housing crisis for many years, where vacancy rates are typically below 1 percent and rent has roughly doubled in the last few years. That means there is virtually no affordable housing for working families and working people. We need to change this and you have the power to do so.

There is legal precedent for moratoria on no-fault evictions with or without a pandemic in place. Los Angeles and San Diego are great examples that staff can study, so they can draft a no-fault eviction moratorium for SB County as quickly as possible.

I really encourage you to take this seriously and move quickly.

Thank you,
Barbara Wishingrad

Never cease to stand like curious children before the Great Mystery into which we were born.

-Albert Einstein