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**From:** Joanna Kaufman <joanna.kaufman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2023 11:40 AM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** Tenant Protection Ordinance

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Hello Esteemed Supervisors,

As a renter in the City of Santa Barbara, I stand in solidarity with my fellow renters in the unincorporated areas of the County. I appreciate the Board's recent efforts to address tenant protections, since this crisis impacts the foundations of our regional economic vitality and diminishes our collective quality of life.

As such, I urge you to adopt a Tenant Protection Ordinance (TPO). Furthermore, the TPO should take stronger steps to protect renters from renovations: 1) If a unit is re-rented after a renovation occurs, there should be a cap on allowed rent increases. 2) Protections provided by the TPO should apply at all steps of the eviction process.

Rent increases and evictions ironically live "rent free" in the minds of all renters. It doesn't matter if you have a job or if you have lived in a unit for a long time and have only acted in good faith. Real people, families, and workers are displaced on a routine basis because of someone speculating on profits to be made in the renovation process. This is removing vital naturally occurring somewhat affordable units from the market. Please close this loophole by adopting the above measures and ensure that housing stays available and reasonably affordable to ensure housing stability for our community.

Warmly,  
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**From:** Marcella Ortiz <verolly22@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Laura Capps; Williams, Das; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob; Santa Barbara Tenants ...  
**Subject:** Renter Protection

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Good Morning,

I am sending this email to ask for action to be done for renter protection.

1. That renters are not evicted for "remodel." Property owners evicting current tenants because they do not like the amount of rent they receive for the property.
2. If updates to homes require tenants to be displaced for any length of time, the renter is given first option to move back in at current rent.
3. A one year lease is offered and not to exceed current rent cap.
4. Eviction notices have to abide by state law.

I am deeply troubled by the state and the situation of housing. It is not sustainable to ask a family to pay the rents that are skyrocketing because our state leaders and developers are not on top of this issue. On top of the high rates of housing, inflation is removing any extra income that a person may have. This is another sign of how the rich work the system. Prices can be whatever they decide when there is limited supply. There should be an abundance of homes and our state leaders need to bring ideas to help develop housing that is not only for the upper middle class and wealthy but for those of us that are the working poor.

I appreciate the work that you have put forth already, but would like to see serious action on the above items.

Sincerely,

Marcella Ortiz