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To whom it may concern,

My name is Katie McElroy and I am a senior at UC Santa Barbara and have lived in Isla Vista the last three years. Throughout this time, I have leased with two separate IV landlord groups and have had a multitude of issues. Most recently, we found out all of our carbon monoxide detectors had expired for years. After citing our concerns because we would frequently smell the odor of gas, our landlord replaced the detectors but charged us over \$300 for them. After lots of back and forth, we were able to get the charges covered. However, this is one example of many landlords in Isla Vista taking advantage of the community and giving tenants unsafe living conditions. As a constituent, I ask that the Board allows for the passing of the Isla Vista Rental Housing Inspection Pilot Program. This program would protect leasers and prevent further issues from happening and would stop landlords from punishing them. This program allows for renters to have a safer living environment without the fear of landlord retaliation. Thank you and I hope you allow for this program to happen.

Best regards,
Katie McElroy