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"I **URGE** you to answer **the highest calling of your heart** and **STAND UP** for what you truly believe." Congressman John R. Lewis

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VISION

We envision an inclusive community rooted in liberation where all persons can exercise their civil and human rights without discrimination.



Santa Maria/ Lompoc Branch

May 15, 2023

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Clerk of the Board

RE. Public Comments, Please Pass a Renoviction Moratorium

Dear Chair Williams and Supervisors,

Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt, representing the Santa Maria-Lompoc Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

We are very grateful to you all for quickly passing the urgency ordinance on April 4! We are writing today to ask that you take the next step and pass a moratorium on renovictions and no-fault evictions today.

It was clear to me from I believe the May 2nd, Board meeting that this ordinance is only a road bump to the mass evictions and the owners of Core Spaces and other landlords like them will continue mass evictions, unless we protect our community against this increasing corporate landlord greed!

We stand with the tenants throughout the County and the Santa Barbara Tennant Union who are being evicted under the guise of renovation and strongly URGE you to enforce the following policies:

- A Renoviction Moratorium until this housing crisis is over
- A One-Year Lease Offer Requirement
- A Right to re-rent at the same rent, long term

These policies are best practices for other communities and it is important that we pass these common-sense policies.

Tenants are up against a multi-billion dollar flipper/developer spreading mass misinformation, intimidation, the threats of eviction, and fundamentally what is unfettered profit seeking at the expense of the health and safety of our community.

The Santa Maria-Lompoc Branch of the NAACP is here for a more vibrant, healthy, and just community with you and our community.

Yours In The Fight,

Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt

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