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Subject: Ord 22-15 and 22-16 Rent Stabilization

Dear Councilmembers:

Do we think that everyone, no matter their race or income, deserves an affordable home, or do we think renters should be at the mercy of landlords? Rent stabilization is needed as part of addressing the affordable housing crisis because it changes the power dynamic. It can stop corporate and predatory landlords from displacing our neighbors with unreasonable rent increases.

It's fine to say the solution is building more housing, but affordable housing is being built at a snail's pace. We need to do a lot more there, but we can implement rent stabilization now and continue to lobby for subsidies that attract builders of affordable housing.

You need to use your power to protect people and implement the policy that the majority voted for, in the spirit of what was passed. People know that change is needed and knew what they were voting for – justice.

Please don't delay on passing ordinance 22-15 and 22-16.

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