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Council Members,

I will note that this public hearing and the final report on rent stabilization were not widely publicized or easy to find on the city's web site. If the Council proceeds with recommending an exemption for new construction from rent stabilization, it should also include protections for renters to avoid the situation of naturally occurring affordable housing being demolished to build new construction in its place. The Council needs to revisit the renter protections that were originally adopted and include one that provides for sufficient notice and relocation assistance for renters who may be evicted from their homes when a property owner chooses to demolish an existing building to build a new one. This is not far fetched. I recently moved from my home in Highland where I rented for 8.5 years after learning the owner had plans to tear down the building and build new, pricier apartments. The city will lose much needed naturally occurring affordable housing, and renters in these units need assistance and protections. As it currently stands, my neighbors can be evicted with only 30 days notice. People need time to save to move, and developers should be required to provide financial assistance in the case of demolition of NOAH and new construction.

Sincerely,  
Heidi Schallberg