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**Subject:** RE: Oppose New Tenant Protections Being Proposed  
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Hello Sara – Thank you for reaching out to the Ward 5 office with your comment opposing changes to Tenant Protections and Rent Stabilization. Your comment will be shared with Council VP Kim and added to the public record.

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Ms. Kim

As a resident, architect, single mother, and landlord living in Ward 3, I am writing to oppose the new tenant protections being proposed by Cheniqua Johnson, Saura Jost, Rebecca Noecker, and yourself.

I recently purchased the duplex I had been renting for almost five years. I owner occupy the duplex, living in the upper unit and renting out the lower unit. I live here with my 12 year old son, and just went through the process to find renters. I only own this one property, and given that I live in it with my child, I am restrictive on who I will rent to. I apply the same criteria to everyone who applies and it conforms with existing fair housing laws.

I do not want to be forced to rent to people who have criminal backgrounds, nor use a

set of standards set by the city, or be made to accept undefined "additional" documentation from potential tenants to rent. This is my home I am renting out. My child's and my safety come first. The nature of duplexes makes some areas and amenities very shared. My child will be interacting with the people living in the other unit. It is within my rights to set high, fair, and consistent standards. It is also my property and my investment. I do not have unlimited funds nor unlimited time. I am a single mother who is trying to do my best to have a stable, affordable, and safe place for my kid to thrive.

None of you writing these proposals are landlords. Maybe you should give it a try before you start setting all these rules. So again, I strongly oppose these new rules being considered. The city has enough rules when it comes to tenants and renting.

Sincerely,

Sara Goenner Curlee

Sustainability Manager and Architect