

## Rent Control Protects Families

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Dear Town Council Members,

I applaud your hard work to pass rent control in Fairfax.

Rent control protects families, teachers, seniors and vulnerable community members.

I strongly encourage you to place the ballot initiative on the November 2024 ballot, to ensure the highest voter participation and, thereby, the most true reflection of the will of the people of Fairfax. In the meantime, keep what is currently in place on the books - you all WERE democratically-elected, afterall, and passing rent control is certainly within the purview of the Fairfax Town Council.

I urge you to maintain the rent cap at 60% of CPI or 5%, whichever is lower. This still allows landlords to raise rents to protect their capital investment in rental properties, without gouging vulnerable renters.

Please maintain the existing (not proposed amendment) right of return, short-term relocation payments, and triple vs. actual damages so that Fairfax tenants maintain strong and fair protections against arbitrary eviction.

As Senator Mike McGuire said at a recent San Anselmo town hall, if you're serious about reducing carbon emissions, you've got to secure folks in their housing so that workers are not commuting from hours away to service Fairfax and other Marin towns.

Rent control is one tool you can use to better our communities for the good of all.

Stay strong, and thank you for your service.

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