

**FW: Wed. Aug 2nd.**

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Dear Town Council,

Wednesday as we know is a huge evening.

First I think it is harmful to the process that we have no idea who signed the petition and who donated money to move it forward. I would bet that the realtors and Corp. landlords are the majority that are involved with this petition.

Democracy is messy!!! and Democracy is a civilian involvement, it also takes your positions, as Town Council Members, to make it happen.

I believe you have taken a valiant stand, I hope that you continue to move forward in this way. Please DO NOT let the greed of SOME to turn our beloved Fairfax into town that we can no longer afford to live in, BECAUSE of financial greed, and their disregard of others' well-being.

I don't believe all landlords are greedy etc., and they WILL CONTINUE to do the fair and right thing, regardless of what happens.

We tenants need your support and help to stand up against the Corp. Landlords and realtors. We know their biggest fear is, if this happens here in Fairfax (as a first) it will then start to spread (It already has) Democracy can not work, when one side out wights the other, with money and power with lies/miss leading statements etc.,

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE

Keep the rent cap 60% of CPI or 5% whichever is less. That is FAIR TO BOTH

DO NOT!!!! repeal the ordinances.

Right of return, should be at least 5 yrs. ... as we know especially corp. Landlords will abuse no-fault evictions to avoid rent control.

\$150.00 per day for short term relocation is low... to try and find a motel for that amount would be hard. Also in a motel one is not going to have a fridge and stove so they will be having to spend a LOT of money to eat out ...

I am disheartened that the Damage for Ordinance Violations has been changed, IF a landlord KNOWINGLY violates the law they should pay trip damages!

A) They did it knowingly!!!! (B) having it lower, lessons the landlords incentive

to follow the law!!!! (financially, especially for Corp. Landlords or even a realtor, who has an interest in selling a property it might be worth for them to break the law and "pay off the tenant")

I thought the reason for these ordinances was to help protect tenants, and make landlords more accountable. Please continue to stay strong, and please remember, in a way, you are being my voice, (and I know MANY others as well) I have not made public comments because I do not trust my landlord and I am concerned about retaliation.

Thank you for listening to me, and I hope you think about and take my thoughts to heart.

Sincerely,  
Linda.