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Disclosure of rental rates

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Dear Mr. White:

I am one of the property owners who attended the South Carthay Temple Beth Am meeting last night.

I am the owner of a 4-unit apartment building on So. Alfred Street. My family bought the property in 1956. What we, as residents, experienced was a limited-imposition City with a "hands off" policy, as long as everything was done accordingly and there were no violations of existing law. Life in Los Angeles, is becoming more complicated and oppressive every day. There now seems to be, yet, another, "Sword of Damocles" being considered, to hang over the heads of property owners. Today, we have the disclosure of rents issue, via the City Council.

If I could find a stronger word other than "Outrageous", that word being woefully insufficient, I would certainly use it in this case.

I already disclose my rental rates when I file my Income Taxes. This is duplicitous. I have a notion that this might even be a violation of the Constitution, in that it may be contrary to the Right to Privacy. Not the **Privilege to Privacy**, the **Right to Privacy**. Speaking of "Disclosure",

there was a property owner at the meeting last night who was good enough to impart the information regarding this pending issue. Why didn't the City "Disclose" this information to any of us? We had to get the information from a gentleman who **accidentally** ran into another meeting attendee.

I wonder now, who would ever think to buy apartment property in this City, knowing that the rules and regulations imposed on us would be transferred and carried on them. Between the EPA, the City Council, and an "Over Zealous Bill-Happy Legislature" there are more than enough rules and regulations laid at our feet. You're killing us. If it wasn't for family ties, I'd have parted company with this City and State, long ago. There are more **rule and regulation friendly** communities in this country to invest and live in. All this, not to mention, that such a rule could possibly create animosity between tenant vs. landlord, or tenant vs. tenant should such information be available.

As long as we pay our taxes and do not violate (already) existing law, I would propose that the City would be better served by not continuously cracking down on property owners for all its problems.

Thank you.

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