

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to submit my support for this motion, to close this major oversight of a loophole, which predatory and opportunistic landlords would take advantage of in order to intimidate and deceive tenants into vacating their units so that superficial renovations are made (instead of ones requiring 30+ days), and/or just to drastically increase the rent. I urge the council to take this issue as top priority, as people's livelihoods and homes are at stake, and more and more no-fault evictions will inevitably occur if swift action isn't taken. Councilmembers, please waste no time in requesting this to be an enforceable ordinance. This loophole will result in many units' rent to skyrocket in a city that is becoming increasingly unaffordable for the working class people that make it run. Many of these low-income tenants who are prime target for landlords looking to utilize this "eviction-via-renovation" tactic, are only one or two paychecks away from being unhoused, and already devoting over a third or half of their stagnating wages to their increasing rents.