

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Roselyn. I am the Wilmington Housing Outreach Coordinator with Communities for a Better Environment. There needs to be a permanent anti-harassment tenant ordinance. Temporary COVID-19 protections are not substitute for a permanent ordinance. The pandemic is already a stressful time. Tenants shouldn't have to face harassment from their landlords. From my experience, evictions don't just happen they follow a trail of harassment. A permanent anti-harassment ordinance will prevent evictions and displacement. Landlords are not being held fully accountable for retaliation and harassment. I've seen cases where landlords think it's okay to repeatedly harass tenants even after tenants have filed complaints and have informed them of their rights as a tenant. This behavior needs to be stopped and one way of doing that is by expanding tenant protections and establishing a permanent anti-harassment ordinance.