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Dear Mayor DuBois and Council members,

I am a Palo Alto resident working hard to support our growing family. I have concerns about the proposed Renter Protection Policy recommendations and I oppose all recommended rent protection items.

The past 2 years have been very difficult for me as one of the housing providers. I have to work harder to pay for the mortgage and raise the family. The costs for living are becoming higher and higher, the gas now almost doubled, the labor and material to maintain the property going up crazy! As small housing providers it is very difficult for us to survive!

The eviction reduction and rent stabilization program would cost millions annually to administer;

The right-to-counsel policy would cost millions of dollars to administer; none of those dollars would go to the tenant to clear back rent;

The community opportunity-to-purchase proposal would discourage investment in the city; and

Proactive rental inspections would only slow down an already overburdened code enforcement department.

We oppose the Renter Protection Policy Package recommendations!

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From: [George Thomas](#)
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November 6, 2021

Dear Council Members,

We have been long-term residents of an RM-40 zoned community (i.e., Palo Alto Central) for over 35 years. The purchase of a condo at that time was the only affordable choice for us if we wanted to live in Palo Alto (which we did). The appeal of RM-40 affordability has not changed over the years and it is clearly the type of denser housing needed to address the current housing shortage.

However, your staff continues to push through objective design standards that clearly discriminate against the RM-40 zone in terms of requirements, such as height, daylight, privacy, etc. Even though RM-40 has historically been left out of equal zoning rights, we expected the process to update the design standards would be a "golden opportunity" to bring those standards in compliance with your Equity Mission Statement. And, elimination of second class standards for RM-40 zoned communities would increase their appeal as a great place to live affordably in Palo Alto.

If the Council is sincere about promoting affordable housing and eliminating inequities, then it should send these standards back to staff for revisions requesting equity across all zoning types.

Regards,
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