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Mayor Duehay
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Dear Councilors:

We certainly agree in broad measure with the conclusions the Community Development Department has made about the housing crisis in our City. Poor and working class people are being forced out. Wealthier people and students are coming in. Rent increases are very large.

As you know, for 18 months our Campaign has been supporting formerly "protected status" tenants, by definition low and moderate income. These are the real people the CDD talks about in the form of statistics.

Even though it has been over 1 year since the end of protected status, new cases of large increases and mass evictions for profit continue to come to our attention. On Porter Rd., Norfolk St., Allen St., Hampshire St., Highland Ave., Harvard St., Trowbridge St., Mass. Ave., Hurley St., JFK St., and Putnam Ave., we are supporting our neighbors that have sought our assistance *recently*.

These people are one reason the City Council justifiably continues to make housing its top priority. We continue to support a range of public policy initiatives articulated by the Laity and Clergy Concerned for Affordable Housing at the last Council meeting.

Thank you for your ongoing attention to the issue of affordable housing.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Koundakjian
for the Campaign

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