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Hello Council,

I hope you'll support extending TRAO to my neighbors who are renting their mobile homes. It's not just common sense, it's "housing justice".

> These provisions mirror the rights already provided by the Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance (TRAO) for tenants living in apartments covered by the City's Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA). Therefore, staff recommends modifying the TRAO to include mobile home tenants to address Council's direction.

This additional comment from the Staff's report should make it very easy:

> There is no impact on the City's General Fund to modify the TRAO to extend existing benefits to mobile home tenants.

Please just act on your Staff's recommendation.

Thank you,

Bee Hanson

President, Santiago Villa Neighborhood Association

From:

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Dear City Council:

I'm writing to ask you to:

- 1) include mobile homes in the TRAO, and
- 2) enhance and improve the TRAO as soon as possible

There are currently about 200 families renting mobile homes from the park owner in Mountain View.

As you know, over the last 2 years, the park owner has been sending a continuous stream of letters to residents threatening everything from closing the parks, to removing rentals from the market, to selling all the rentals and more.

The owner has even proposed a rent stabilization MOU to the City, only to not even show up at the meeting where the MOU was being discussed. It's unclear to everyone what the owner's intent and motivation is at this point.

But one thing is crystal clear. Folks are scared.

You've seen all the letters. You're aware of all the threats. I ask that you take these threats seriously.

200 families continue to lose sleep over the constant threat of being involuntarily displaced from their homes.

Involuntary displacement from one's home is an emergency and the city needs to treat it as such.

The current TRAO needs improvement.

An improved TRAO would alter the landlord's calculus as the owner contemplates displacing some 200 families.

The following TRAO enhancements would help ensure that all renters are protected in the event of involuntary displacement

1) elimination of all means testing, particularly for seniors, the disabled,

and those who have lived in their homes a long time

2) extended noticing requirements regarding displacement for seniors, the disabled, folks

with children, and/or those who have lived in their units over 10 years ... seniors, in particular, should be given 18 months advanced warning in the event of involuntary displacement

- 3) full, immediate refund of security deposits upon notification of displacement
- 4) full release from one's lease upon notice of potential displacement
- 5) first right of refusal for sale and/or return

Involuntary displacement from one's home is traumatic. It's an emergency situation. Treat it like one.

Please make sure these enhancements are made to the TRAO program, and, hopefully, the landlord might change his mind and decide not to displace so many families.

Thank You So Much

Senior Citizen Renting A Mobile Home In Mountain View