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Dear Mayor and council members,  
I'm a resident of Pasadena in district 7.

I encourage you to only put minor changes on the ballot

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- align with the mission of article XVIII, which is to protect us from this placement and to stabilize communities,
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- which
- repair language that was struck by a judge,
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- or
- which streamline administrative processes.
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The Rental Housing Board is recommending the changes that align with this. I have followed the process of proposals and discussion of possible changes in detail and have commented at the time to the board as well.

Measure H couldn't have come at a more appropriate time for me and my neighbors. We live in a rent-controlled building in District 7. Several of my neighbors have been able to remain in their apartments because the rent increases stayed at a reasonable level due to rent control, and most of us are still there only because the law prevents unjust evictions.

I support the changes to this amendment that the Pasadena Rental Housing Board suggests:

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- support the changes that would clean up and align the amendment with court ruling.
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- also support the changes to the government-subsidized tenant exemption. These changes actually make the process easier for the Housing Department and the landlords of these units while not harming the tenants.
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I do **not** support any of the changes proposed by landlords and their activist groups. Those changes would tilt an amendment that has been fair and equitable in their favor in an environment where they already have a large advantage in general:

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- do **not**
- support adding more landlords to the board. The board already has landlords and its majority are tenants by design to reflect the demographics of Pasadena.
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- do **not**
- support adding more exceptions for certain types of housing. Some of these units are already exempt from rent control due to the statewide Costa-Hawkins rental housing act.
- **All**
- tenants deserve fair eviction protections.
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- do **not**
- support any changes to the fair return standard. The definition of what does or doesn't constitute operating expenses and operating income is intentionally specific and should not be weakened or made less clear.
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Please support the changes proposed by the Pasadena Rental Housing Board and reject the changes proposed by these landlord activists.

Thanks,  
 Swantje Willms  
 380 S Mentor Ave Apt 6  
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Hi City of Pasadena,

I am the current resident of [REDACTED]. I support the Pasadena Rent Control into law. We need to protect the bona fide tenants who work hard to make a living. We need to make both of the landlords and rents under control.

Thanks!  
Chao Xu

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Hello,

I wish to remain anonymous.

In Pasadena, CA, tenants' rights serve as essential protections against the unchecked greed of many landlords. These regulations are vital in safeguarding residents from exorbitant rent hikes and arbitrary evictions, ensuring fair treatment and stability in housing. By implementing robust rent control measures and eviction protections, Pasadena supports the well-being of its diverse community, allowing individuals and families to thrive without the constant threat of displacement. Such policies not only promote economic security but also foster a sense of belonging and continuity within neighborhoods, strengthening social bonds and enhancing overall quality of life.

Supporting tenants' rights in Pasadena is not just a matter of social justice; it is an investment in the city's future. By prioritizing housing stability and affordability, Pasadena builds a foundation for sustainable growth and prosperity. These measures not only empower residents but also contribute to a more equitable society where everyone has the opportunity to live and prosper in a safe and nurturing environment.

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**All the Best,**

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**From:** Aaron Markowitz  
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**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Comment on 6/17 agenda item 17

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Hello,

I am writing to urge the council to place the amendments recommended by the Pasadena Rental Housing Board on the ballot, and to reject the changes being proposed by landlord advocacy groups such as Pasadena Housing Providers (PHP).

The PRHB-recommended amendments were approved following a process where residents and stakeholders proposed amendments and weighed in on draft language during several agendaized public meetings. The board-recommended changes were supported by a majority of public commenters, while substantive changes such as exempting certain properties from Article XVIII were opposed by commenters by as much as 19-to-1.

The PRHB recommendations are intended to improve administration and implementation of Article XVIII, as approved by voters in November 2022. The board just this month hired a permanent executive director, and anticipates that several key programs will go into effect before the end of this year, including a rental registry and petition process for upward and downward adjustment of rent. The PRHB's recommended amendments will aid in smoothly administering the new department.

Pasadenans deserve the opportunity to consider the full impact of all programs in Article XVIII before substantively modifying the charter. Instead, a group of landlords founded a shadowy political advocacy group (PHP) to bypass the council-approved charter reform process whereby amendments to Article XVIII be developed by the department and board responsible for implementing the article. I fully endorse the democratic will of Pasadena's voters, and PHP should not have an insider shortcut to undo Article XVIII, which was placed on the ballot by a petition of over 15,000 voters and approved by an 8 point margin at the ballot. Substantive changes should at a minimum demonstrate public support through a petition process before being placed on the ballot, especially this soon after initial passage.

It would be especially anti-democratic for the council to group administrative fixes meant to improve implementation together with a set of proposals intended to significantly alter the scope of Article XVIII. Voters should not be presented with a confusing ballot measure that seems to improve implementation in some ways, only to weaken tenant protections in other ways.

Regards,  
Aaron Markowitz, Ph.D.  
they/them  
Alternate Tenant Member  
Pasadena Rental Housing Board

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**From:** Lisa Finlay  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 2:11 PM  
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**Subject:** public comment on Agenda Item #17 for 6/17 meeting

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Hi,

I'm writing today to encourage the City Council in their meeting this evening to oppose any substantive changes to Article 18 that would weaken the law and make renter protection more vulnerable. I'm writing as a psychotherapist with clients who live and work in Pasadena.

The reasons that City Council might keep at the forefront include the fact that Article 18 was approved by a strong majority of the voters less than two years ago. However, the average voter cannot keep up with lengthy approval processes or be expected to be on the hunt for provisions that change the essential nature of the protections they already supported. It would be anti-democratic to include or approve changes to Article 18 that weaken its essential mission.

Please be vigilant against landlords who may attempt to subvert grassroots efforts that rely on fair democratic processes to succeed.

In more detail, I specially oppose:

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- Changing the composition of the board to have more landlords
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  - The rental board is majority tenants by design. This reflects the demographics of Pasadena, and the fact that tenants have been historically excluded from governance on issues that affect them.
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  - The tenant-majority board was already upheld by a judge in the court case brought by five anti-rent control landlords
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- Exempting single family homes, ADUs, condos, properties owned by "small landlords" or buildings with a small number of units
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- Single family homes and condos are already exempt from rent control due to the statewide Costa-Hawkins rental housing act. Let's be clear that what these landlords are advocating for is exempting these units from eviction protections.
- All
- tenants deserve fair eviction protections regardless of what type of housing they live in.

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- While (some) ADUs and properties are currently subject to rent control, we assert that large rent increases act as de-facto evictions that allow the landlords to displace tenants in order to flip units and convert them to luxury housing, which erodes our affordable housing stock. ADUs and small buildings are at the end of the day "income properties" generating profit for landlords, and tenants who live there deserve to be protected from massive rent increases.
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- Allowing for pass-through of part of the rental housing fee to tenants.
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- Landlords can already count the licensing fees towards their operating expenses when they petition for a rent increase on the basis of fair return.
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- Changing enforcement mechanisms
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- In previous comments, activist-landlords have left this point intentionally vague.
- This is because they want to obscure the fact that they simply want to decrease enforcement mechanisms so that landlords can get away with breaking the law as they have done in the past.
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- Changing the fair return standard
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- Housing costs are a significant contributor to inflation, so setting a fair return standard at less than inflation is reasonable to prevent landlords from "double dipping" - i.e. their own large rent increases permitting them even further rent increases in the future.
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- - Thank you,
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- Lisa Finlay



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**From:** Rodger Stettaford  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 2:13 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** reforms to Article 18 at 6/17/24 City Council meeting:

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On agenda item #17 on 6/17/24 City Council meeting:

I state that the Pasadena City Council should only support the changes recommended by the Rental Housing Board and to oppose any substantive changes that would change the law.

Rodger Stettaford

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**From:** Kathleen Van Dusen  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 2:25 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Rent Control Charter Reform

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To Whom It May Concern,

As my life has been busy rebuilding my massive business loss due to the shut downs during the Covid pandemic, I am just learning about the meeting tonight and the pending decisions that could have a negative impact on renters long fought for protection and rights.

The Rental Housing Board was created, built and voted for by the community of renters in Pasadena. Pasadena residents are 57 % renters. The need for support, concern and and guidance by the Rental Housing Board is vastly important.

I am voicing my support for only the changes recommended by the RHB. The majority of voters voted for Measure H for the much needed rent control and eviction protections. Clearly these issues are prevalent and of deep concern for most renters in Pasadena. How is it now happening that a small group of greedy landlords are so unwilling to provide for tenants they are deciding they can change the ruling and rewrite the law? If there are minor changes needed in terms of language so be it but those changes MUST be in alignment with what the voters approved.

Further, without question, these landlords MUST be made to live, vote and own property IN Pasadena to have any voice or vote.

The Rental Housing Board is for the tenants by the tenants and that needs to remain intact and upheld.

As a longtime renter in Sierra Madre and Pasadena, a business owner and tax payer in Pasadena, I am appalled by the gross lack of decency and rightfulness towards renters, the largest demographic in Pasadena, most especially in these post Covid times of rebuilding and repair after tremendous loss by many businesses and those who owned them. We are so grateful that after fighting for our rights, this board and these laws were voted for and granted to the large community of renters.

Thank you,

Kathleen Van Dusen

Renter, business owner, tax payer in Pasadena

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**From:** Benj Draper  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 2:29 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Reforms to Article 18 (Item 17, tonight council meeting)

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Dear City Council,

I am a Pasadena tenant writing to register the following comments before tonight's meeting. I strongly support Article 18 as it is currently written, as a strong majority of Pasadena voters approved. The council should not allow any changes to the measure that radically alter its intended purpose.

I support:

The motion to increase Ellis Act eviction noticing requirements to 120 days.

I strongly oppose:

Exempting single family homes, ADUs, condos, properties owned by "small landlords" or buildings with a small number of units  
Allowing for pass-through of part of the rental housing fee to tenants  
Changing enforcement mechanisms  
Changing the fair return standard

Most especially, I oppose changing the composition of the board to include more landlords. There is no equivalence between a landlord's right to profit and a tenant's right to shelter. The claim that landlords are a minority class who need special protections is disingenuous and contrary to demonstrable fact. For a landlord to have decision-making power on a board designed to protect tenants' right to housing is an obvious conflict of interest, one that we hope this council does not endorse.

Thank you,  
Benjamin Draper

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**From:** Ivan Vigasin  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 2:33 PM  
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**Subject:** Pasadena City Council Meeting June 17, 2024 - comment on item 17

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Dear Mayor and council members,

I'm a resident of district 7.

I support the minor changes to Article 18 proposed by the Rental Housing Board.  
I oppose any major changes, especially those that would weaken our tenant protections and rights.

Thanks,  
Ivan Vigasin

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**From:** Gina Dance <  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 2:35 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; Jones, Justin  
**Cc:** Barrios, Lisa  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Item 17 - 6.17.24

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Gina Dance, and I have lived in District 3 for 31 years. I support the recommended changes to the Pasadena Rental Housing Board under the Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter Amendment. It is anti-democratic to hide substantive changes to Article 18 within a broader charter reform process. The council should only propose minor changes that align with Article 18's mission to protect renters, repair language struck by a judge, or streamline administrative processes.

### Changes to Support:

- Increasing Ellis Act eviction noticing requirements to 120 days, aligning with voters' original approval.

### Changes to Oppose:

- Changing the board composition to include more landlords, which distorts DEI intent and is unfair to the community.
- Exempting single-family homes, ADUs, condos, and small landlord properties from eviction protections, as all tenants deserve fair protections.
- Allowing automatic pass-through of rental housing fees to tenants without proof of impact on landlords' bottom lines.
- Decreasing enforcement mechanisms, enabling landlords to break the law with impunity.
- Raising the fair return standard for additional rent increases, contributing to inflation and unfair profits.

Council members should uphold the will of the voters and support only those changes that truly align with the mission of Article 18.

Kindly,

Gina Dance

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**From:** Abigail Thomas <[atomas@pasadenacalifornia.gov](mailto:atomas@pasadenacalifornia.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 2:36 PM  
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**Subject:** Comments regarding Item 17 Council Meeting 6/17/2024

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Dear Members of the Council,

I am writing to express my support for increasing the Ellis Act eviction noticing requirements and to voice my opposition to several potential changes that might be proposed by other parties.

Firstly, regarding the Ellis Act eviction noticing requirements, I strongly advocate for increasing the notice period. The language approved by voters in November 2022 mandated a 180-day notice period for Ellis Act evictions. Although this conflicted with the Ellis Act and was subsequently reduced to 60 days, it is crucial to revisit this issue. Implementing a 120-day notice period, the maximum allowed under the Ellis Act, would align more closely with the voters' original intent and provide a more humane timeframe for affected tenants.

Although the remainder of this letter addresses matters not currently under official consideration, I want to voice my opposition for changes that may potentially be proposed:

I oppose exempting single-family homes, ADUs, condos, and small landlords' properties from eviction protections. Single-family homes and condos are already exempt from rent control under the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act. The push to exempt these units from eviction protections is unjust, as all tenants deserve fair protections. Large rent increases in ADUs and small properties can act as de facto evictions, displacing tenants and reducing our affordable housing stock. Tenants in small and large buildings alike need shelter, and the law should not discriminate between them.

Additionally, I oppose allowing the automatic pass-through of rental housing fees to tenants. Landlords can already factor licensing fees into operating expenses when petitioning for rent increases under the fair return standard. Automatic pass-throughs without evidence of financial impact only serve to increase profits unjustly.

Furthermore, changing enforcement mechanisms in a way that weakens tenant protections is unacceptable. Proposals to alter enforcement mechanisms are likely to obscure intentions to reduce accountability and allow landlords to evade regulations.

Lastly, I oppose changing the fair return standard to benefit landlords. The fair return standard ensures landlords can earn a reasonable profit without excessive rent increases. Adjusting this standard to allow higher profits contributes to inflation and unfairly burdens tenants.

In conclusion, I urge you to adopt the 120-day notice period for Ellis Act evictions and reject any proposed changes that undermine tenant protections and fair housing practices. Let's keep Pasadena a community that values equity and fairness for all residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Abigail Thomas

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Abigail Thomas

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**From:** R e b e c c a  
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**Subject:** Protection for non-owners

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To Whom it may concern:

This is regarding the protection of Proposition H and rental justice in general.

I have an unusual perspective about renting because of my experience. I got a lucrative job when I was young - as a tv writer - and was able to buy a house when I was in my 20s. Years later when I went through a divorce, I sold my house and entered the world of renters. For me it was eye opening. I have been startled to realize how difficult it is once you are beneath the ownership line.

We live in a world where the Haves take advantage of the Have-nots. Profit is made from the Have-nots, from those who cannot afford to buy their own houses. Owners have too great an advantage. Unless their greed is balanced by laws that protect the people, great injustice will be done. This is a real threat to what makes Pasadena a good place.

As the discrepancy between the rich and the non-rich/poor is getting wider, it is crucial that protection is provided for those who do not own.

The crisis in the rental market speaks to the larger crisis in our country and in the world. And providing protection here isn't just about renters, it's about protecting justice and the American Dream. Capitalism and making money is not what America is about. It may be our financial system. But it is not our system itself. Unregulated capitalism will destroy the people of America. It's crucial that wise laws protect people.

As a tenant I have had to move multiple times when it suited my various landlords; this costs money and time. I have experienced rent hikes at every opportunity. Right now it costs me more than 7K per month to rent a single family home in Pasadena. The rent is draining my savings and making it harder and harder for me to get back on the other side of the ownership line. My landlords refuse to fix things and are difficult to work with. That they raise the rent without fixing things drives me crazy. But what can I do? Move again? Moving is so costly and time consuming and I need to work.

Raising the rent is like highway robbery. Renters have so little protection from Rentors. It is a predatory system.

Please recognize the importance of rent control for all people. Yes, those at the bottom financially who might be homeless if they cannot afford rent. But also those of us who are stuck paying exorbitant and ever rising rents because we can't afford to buy a house in this market.



I apologize for the hasty nature of this note but I wanted to chime in with the many renters who I'm sure are writing. Please protect us. Protecting renters is a way to protect the true values of America. Take a stand for what is right. Stop landlords from preying on us.

With respect,

Rebecca X

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**From:** Dr. Andrea Davis  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 2:41 PM  
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**Subject:** June 17, 2024 Agenda #17 Public Comment

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To the esteemed members of our City Council,

I appreciate your public service to make our city ever better and hope you feel duly honored in your roles.

As the founder and owner of Greenhouse Therapy Center in Pasadena, a mental health group practice, I speak on behalf of our clients and employees who wish to remain living in Pasadena and are dependent on the renter protections afforded by Measure H.

As you work to clean up the language of Measure H recommended by the Rental Housing Board, I humbly ask Councilmembers to **ONLY** consider the recommendations of the Rental Housing Board.

Pasadena employers and citizens request each of you to stay true to the voters' will: do not bend to business interests to weaken the law or exempt certain landlords. Making any other substantive changes to the passed measure will overturn the will of the people and subvert the democratic process in our city.

Thank you for listening to the voices for fairness and equity of access to wonderful Pasadena living.

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Dear City Council,

I am writing in re: to council discussions on proposed changes to Article 18, which governs rent control and eviction protection. The need to clarify any confusing language in the article is understandable, but any changes considered by the council should support the mission of Article 18, which is to protect renters from displacement and stabilize communities. An overwhelming majority of voters approved Measure H less than 2 years ago. The council should support the changes proposed by the Rental Housing Board. The Rental Housing Board's proposal to increase Ellis Act eviction noticing requirements to a 120 day notice period, which is the maximum allowed under the Ellis Act, would bring the language of Article 18 into closer alignment with what the voters originally approved. The council should not make any changes that undermine the fundamental mission of Measure H. Pasadena voted to strengthen tenant protections.

Karen Beavers  
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Dear Members of the Council, I am writing to express my support for increasing the Ellis Act eviction notice requirements and to oppose several potential changes that may be proposed by other parties. Regarding the Ellis Act eviction notice requirements, I advocate for extending the notice period. In November 2022, voters approved a 180-day notice period for Ellis Act evictions. Although this was later reduced to 60 days due to conflicts with the Ellis Act, it is essential to reconsider this issue. Implementing a 120-day notice period, the maximum allowed under the Act, would better reflect the voters' original intent and provide a more humane timeframe for tenants. Additionally, I wish to express my opposition to several potential changes: Exempting single-family homes, ADUs, condos, and small landlords' properties from eviction protections is unfair. These units are already exempt from rent control under the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act. Exempting them from eviction protections would deny tenants fair treatment. Large rent increases in ADUs and small properties can act as de facto evictions, displacing tenants and reducing our affordable housing stock. Tenants in both small and large buildings need protection. Allowing the automatic pass-through of rental housing fees to tenants is unjust. Landlords can already include licensing fees in operating expenses when petitioning for rent increases under the fair return standard. Automatic pass-throughs without demonstrating financial impact would unfairly increase profits. Weakening tenant protections by changing enforcement mechanisms is unacceptable. Proposals to alter these mechanisms often aim to reduce accountability and enable landlords to evade regulations. Modifying the fair return standard to benefit landlords is problematic. This standard ensures landlords can earn a reasonable profit without imposing excessive rent increases. Changing it to allow higher profits would contribute to inflation and place an undue burden on tenants. In conclusion, I urge you to adopt the 120-day notice period for Ellis Act evictions and reject any proposed changes that undermine tenant protections and fair housing practices. Let's ensure Pasadena remains a community that values equity and fairness for all residents. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Juan Ochoa

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- I am writing in support of article 18- the rent
- control and eviction protection measure. Article 18 was approved by a strong majority of the voters less than two years ago. It would be anti-democratic to hide provisions inside of more general reform Do not let aggressive landlords undermine what is right. Please honor the democratic process.
- Thank you,
- Lisa Muthiah

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**From:** Steve <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 2:11 PM  
**To:** Gordo, Victor  
**Subject:** Measure H and it's effects on small property owners

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Dear Mayor Victor Gordo,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding Measure H and its significant impact on small property owners like myself in Pasadena. While the measure was passed with the support of a well-organized renter population, it is crucial to consider the perspectives and challenges faced by landlords who play an essential role in the housing market.

The upcoming City Council meeting to discuss amendments to the charter and address Measure H presents a vital opportunity to make necessary adjustments that ensure fairness and sustainability for all parties involved. As a small landlord, I urge you to consider the following points:

1. Both tenants and landlords should share the responsibility for the rental registry tax. Allowing a portion of the tax to be passed on to tenants, as practiced in other cities, ensures that both parties have a stake in maintaining a fair and equitable housing environment. This promotes economic balance and responsible decision-making.
2. The current regulations place an undue burden on small landlords. Compared to larger corporate entities, small landlords often need more resources to navigate and comply with complex and contradictory regulations. This could force many small property owners out of the market, paving the way for larger corporations to dominate. It is essential to reduce this burden by exempting single-family homes, condos, co-ops, ADUs, and properties with six or fewer units in line with existing zoning codes and Section 8 tenants.
3. Creating a fair and inclusive Rental Board that includes landlord representation is vital. This ensures that the perspectives and needs of property owners are considered in decision-making processes.
4. The enforcement mechanisms within Measure H need clarification to avoid criminalizing landlords for non-compliance with a complex set of rules. Clear, fair, and manageable regulations are essential for maintaining a healthy rental market.
5. Finally, the right of fair return must be clearly defined and achievable through regulation rather than vague charter definitions. This ensures that landlords can sustain their properties and continue providing housing.

These changes are critical for the sustainability of small landlords in Pasadena. Small business owners like myself will be squeezed out of the market without these adjustments, leaving room for larger corporations to dominate. Creating a balanced and fair environment that supports tenants and landlords is essential.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. Your support in making these critical adjustments to Measure H will help maintain a healthy and equitable rental market in Pasadena.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Galloway  
Property Owner  
Euclid Property Management

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**From:** Sheena Pappas  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 1:49 PM  
**To:** Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Lyon, Jason  
**Subject:** 06.17.24 Board Meeting, Measure H  
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Hello,

See attached letter from Millicent Reynolds, City of Pasadena property owner.

Thank you,

*Sheena Pappas for Millicent Reynolds*

**MALLCRAFT**  
**General Contractor**

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**I Lisa Kurkdjian am in support of the proposals for Item #17 especially on the updated code of conduct for rental housing board members. However, I request the additional provisions be included for the discussion of revising the city charter.**

- 1. Create a fair, inclusive and equitable Rental Board by expanding it to include more landlords. (Section 1811.a)**
- 2. Reduce the burden on small owners by exempting single family homes, condos, co-ops, ADUs, and properties with four or fewer units in line with existing zoning codes, and Section 8 tenancies. (Section 1804.a.4 and 1805.a.6)**
- 3. Allow half of the rental registry tax to be passed on to tenants, like other cities do, so that both sides are accountable. This would insure there is no incentive to overcharge, and encourage cost effective management. (Section 1811.l)**
- 4. Fix the unclear enforcement mechanism that criminalizes every minor failure to comply with this complex and contradictory Measure. (Section 1817.g and 1817.h)**
- 5. Insure a real “right of fair return” instead of the activists’ complex, unclear and unfair definition. This should be resolved through regulation, NOT through Charter definitions.**

**Regards,  
Lisa Kurkdjian**



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**From:** M Gardner  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 3:14 PM  
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I would like to only express support for the limited administrative changes to the rental board's charter (those put forward by the rental board itself). I oppose any changes that would weaken the rent control measure or introduce exemptions for landlords.

M Gardner

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**From:** Elias Perales ·  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 3:16 PM  
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Sent from my iPhone Dear Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Elias Perales and I was an organizer for the Pasadena for Rent Control Campaign. I support the recommended changes to the Pasadena Rental Housing Board under the Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter Amendment. The council should only propose minor changes that align with Article 18's mission to protect renters, repair language struck by a judge, or streamline administrative processes.

### What I Support:

1. **Increasing Ellis Act Eviction Noticing Requirements:** The language approved by voters required a 180-day notice period for Ellis Act evictions, which conflicted with the Ellis Act and was struck down, defaulting to 60 days. Adding a 120-day notice period, the maximum allowed under the Ellis Act, would align more closely with what voters originally approved.

### What I Oppose:

1. **Changing the Composition of the Board to Have More Landlords:** The rental board is majority tenants by design, reflecting Pasadena's demographics and addressing historical exclusion from governance. A judge upheld this tenant-majority board. Landlords misuse the language of "diversity, equity, and inclusion" to justify adding more landlord members, which distorts the true intent of DEI. Moreover, allowing non-resident landlords on the board would be unfair to the local community.
2. **Exempting Single Family Homes, ADUs, Condos, Properties Owned by "Small Landlords" or Buildings with a Small Number of Units:** Single family homes and condos are already exempt from rent control due to the statewide Costa-Hawkins Act. These landlords are advocating for exempting these units from eviction protections. All tenants deserve fair eviction protections regardless of housing type. Large rent increases act as de-facto evictions, displacing tenants and eroding affordable housing. Trusting landlords to self-report ownership accurately is unwise, as it opens the door to potential abuse.
3. **Allowing for Pass-Through of Part of the Rental Housing Fee to Tenants:** Landlords can already count licensing fees towards operating expenses when petitioning for a rent increase based on fair return. They simply want automatic pass-through without proving it affects their bottom line, aiming for ever-increasing profits.

4. **Changing Enforcement Mechanisms:** Activist-landlords have been vague about this, likely to obscure their intent to decrease enforcement so landlords can break the law with impunity, as they have in the past.
5. **Changing the Fair Return Standard:** The fair return standard sets the formula for changes to landlord profits necessary for additional rent increases. Landlords want to raise this standard for higher profits. Given housing costs significantly contribute to inflation, setting a fair return standard below inflation prevents landlords from “double dipping” with large rent increases leading to further future rent increases.

Council members should uphold the will of the voters and support only those changes that truly align with the mission of Article 18.

Sincerely,

Elias Perales

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**From:** Nicole Hodgson m>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 3:17 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Item 17 on agenda

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Dear city Council

Regarding item 17 on the agenda tonight please support only the changes proposed by the renal housing board. The council should only put minor changes on the ballot that align with the mission of Article 18, which is to protect renters from displacement and stabilize communities, which repair language that was struck by a judge, or which streamline administrative processes.

Thank you  
Nicole Hodgson  
Pasadena Resident  
District 3

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**From:** Philippa Lane  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 3:20 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Important- re: Reforms to Article 18 Rent Control & Eviction Protections (Measure H)

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Hello,

My daughter and I lived in a 2 bedroom apartment in Pasadena on Wilson Avenue, for 15 years from November 7, 2003-December 5, 2018.

One day, when I was 63 years old, the landlord who owned multiple properties in Pasadena, gave us a notice to leave for NO reason and NO cause. He wanted to completely remodel the unit and raise the rent from \$1,295 to \$2,150. Due to Pasadena's laws at that time and there was no Measure H, the landlord did not have to give us any financial assistance to move at all.

To avoid being evicted, we left within 90 days on December 5th, but because we are lower income and received \$0 from the landlord for moving expenses, we didn't have anywhere else to go. We also lost our section 8 voucher, because practically no landlords in Pasadena accepted section 8 vouchers. We wanted to go to another county where there is more acceptance of section 8, but we couldn't get there, because of not being given any financial assistance to relocate.

As a result, we lived in a vehicle and were considered homeless for almost a year and a half. In November 2019, my daughter wrote a letter to the Mayor of Pasadena about our situation and without asking, we were given a 30 day section 8 voucher. During that time our section 8 worker at the time emailed us about a new building being built in Pasadena that was accepting applications for 5 low income inclusionary units. That building was the THEO. My daughter called the leasing office and spoke to someone in January 2020 and she informed her that it was a housing lottery and that there were only 5 inclusionary units out of 105 units in the building. Then on March 24, 2020, we received an email stating that we won. We were shocked and very excited. There were some obstacles after we won, but I praise the Lord Jesus for moving on Pasadena Vice Mayor Tyron Hampton's heart to help us. Mr. Hampton wanted us to be at the THEO and he worked very hard to help us.

Things would have been much easier for us in December 2018 if we had the protections of Measure H and I am writing this letter because I don't want any other senior citizen or anyone else of any age in Pasadena to go through what we went through for almost a year and a half. No law abiding tenant should be made to leave a rental unit in Pasadena for no reason and no cause and not be given ANY financial assistance to move. That is cruel and unjust treatment of Pasadena Tenants.

I encourage the Pasadena City Council to support only the changes recommended by the Rental Housing Board and oppose any substantive changes that would weaken the Measure H Law that is currently in place.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Philippa Lane

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**From:** Ryan Bell  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 3:22 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Correspondence for Item 17 on June 17, 2024 Council Agenda

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Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing today to address both the recommended Article XVIII charter changes that are being presented by the Rental Housing Board and department staff, as well as those being suggested by a few landlords and Councilmember Felicia Williams.

In September 2023, the City Council first considered which topics should be considered for charter review and possible amendment. Later, in October, the Charter Study Task Force was created and they were given instructions to consider certain topics. During these discussions it was made clear that the Pasadena Rental Housing Board (PRHB) would be the body to recommend any changes to Article XVIII. We have followed this process that you laid out.

As the chair of the PRHB for the past year, I can tell you that we have worked diligently to gather public input as well as advice from our legal counsel and other staff. We spent months studying various changes that might improve the way Article XVIII functions in our city. You have those changes before you today and I urge you to accept them and place them on the ballot.

You have also heard from a handful of activist landlords and one councilperson who are attempting an end run around the rent board to place other changes on the ballot. I strongly recommend that you not accept these changes. These amendments are designed to create large loopholes in the law that will harm the very people that Article XVIII is designed to protect.

As one example, the fair return standard that is currently in the charter amendment is very commonly used in many other rent stabilization jurisdictions. It's a complicated area of the law which hasn't been implemented in Pasadena and given an opportunity to work yet. To change it now would be legally questionable and extremely premature.

These landlords, several of whom are in active litigation against the City of Pasadena, continually accuse the PRHB of being ignorant, incompetent, and a failure. The truth is that we have accomplished an enormous task of establishing a new department, setting essential regulations, and building the rental registry which will be open and available in a couple of months. We have done nothing without the expert guidance and advice from our legal counsel, and dedicated city staff who have vast experience in contracts, rules related to procurement, finance, budgets, recruiting and hiring, and much more.

Please do not allow 4-5 landlords and their representatives to weaken the protections for 60% of the city.

Thank you,  
Ryan

**RYAN J BELL**  
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Chair, Pasadena Rental Housing Board



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**From:** Mike Van Gorder  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 3:26 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Regarding to the renters' protections revisions

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Good afternoon -

My name is Mike Van Gorder and I'm a housing policy analyst based in Burbank. I am a homeowner and have been an advocate for people experiencing housing insecurity for eight years. In our moment, housing insecurity affects half of all renters in Los Angeles County. It is renters that are most vulnerable to the ravages of our economy. Consequently we must orient our response to the housing crisis to protecting renters.

Pasadena has an excellent rental housing board whose makeup is, as it should be and as it must remain, more renters than landlords. I support the amendment put forward by the rental housing board. Renters need time in a no-fault Ellis Act eviction and extending the noticing will give them necessary breathing room, with an inevitable eviction on the other side of it, to find a new home.

Naturally, I adamantly oppose those amendments put forward by the landlord lobby. The City would not benefit from allowing pass through fees to be paid by renters. There is no way to know who is a "small" and who is a "large" landlord. Allowing changes to the fair return standard and easing enforcement requirements will generate opportunities for abuse. Corporate landlordism is skyrocketing, and each tool that is intended to protect mom and pop property owners are being abused by investment firms, venture capital, Blackstone, Invitation Homes, and the like. Compromising the modest protections voted on by the public and upheld in court will cost this community its working class.

I empathize with property owners that may not get the maximum amount of profit their apartments could generate. But ultimately I am far more concerned with the integrity of the neighborhood and community, the working class renters, and the anxiety they feel every day trying to hold on in an out of control economy.

Thank you kindly,  
-Mike Van Gorder

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**From:** L Lim  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 3:27 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Cc:** Rivas, Jessica; Lyon, Jason; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin  
**Subject:** City Council Public Comment, 6/17/24, Item #17

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Dear Pasadena City Council

I would like to encourage the City Council to support only the changes recommended by the Rental Housing Board and to oppose any substantive changes that would weaken Measure H.

Specifically, I support increasing Ellis Act eviction noticing requirements, adding a 120 day notice period, which is the maximum allowed under the Ellis Act, bringing the language into closer alignment with what the voters originally approved.

I oppose

1. Changing the composition of the board to have more landlords,
2. Exempting single family homes, ADUs, condos, properties owned by "small landlords" or buildings with a small number of units,
3. Allowing for pass-through of part of the rental housing fee to tenants.
4. Changing enforcement mechanisms.
5. Changing the fair return standard

Sincerely,  
Lawrence Lim  
Pasadena home owner  
District 4

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**From:** Elbert Newton ·  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 3:31 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Item 17, Rent Control Amendments to the City Charter

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Please support the changes to Article 18 of the city charter that have been recommended by the rental board and not those proposed by landlord lobby groups.

The people voted for Measure H. To slip in language to Article 18 that weakens rent control would be contrary to the will of the people and anti-Democratic.

Some landlords are still not complying with Measure H. I just heard of another landlord this week who is completely disregarding it, raising the rent more than allowed under Measure H. Please show strong support for Measure H in the discussion this evening and inform landlords that there will be consequences for noncompliance.

Thank you,

Bert Newton  
Pasadena 91106

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**From:** Jon Mabuni  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 3:31 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Cc:** Rivas, Jessica; Lyon, Jason; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Williams, Felicia; Jones, Justin  
**Subject:** Re: Item #17: PRESENTATION OF PASADENA RENTAL HOUSING BOARD ON RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO PASADENA FAIR AND EQUITABLE HOUSING CHARTER AMENDMENT (ARTICLE XVIII)

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Dear City Council,

My name is Jon Mabuni, and I am a renter in Pasadena living in District 5. I'm writing with regards to agenda item 17 on tonight's meeting about the changes to the housing charter amendment. I strongly support the changes that have been proposed & reviewed by the Rental Housing Board, and I oppose changes that weaken tenant rights and protections.

Not only is it important to uphold the will of the people, a majority of which approved of Measure H back in 2022, but on a values level, we are already dealing with a major housing crisis. What we need now is more protection for renters, not revisions that further contribute to housing instability. **Housing is a human right**, and protections must be upheld and strengthened for us as a city to pursue an equitable future. In many ways, what we are doing in Pasadena is not enough, but it's important to maintain the progress that we've made. The composition of the rental board must remain majority tenants in order to represent the population of Pasadena and to ensure we have a voice to speak on issues that directly affect us. Additionally, "small landlords" should not be excluded from these laws, as everyone deserves fair protection against something as destabilizing as eviction. Please keep these things in mind while addressing potential changes to the amendment.

Thank you,  
Jon Mabuni  
District 5

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**From:** R Granovskiy  
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Hello,

I am writing in regards to the proposed changes to Article 18. As a Pasadena voter, I am opposed to changes to the Article that go against the wording that a strong majority of voters supported less than two years ago. Pasadena voters approved strong and inclusive rent control and eviction protections measures, and I am opposed to any changes that would weaken these measures. This includes opposing adding any exemptions or changing the composition of the board to include more landlords; Measure H as approved by voters is as inclusive as possible and specifies that the rental board should be majority tenants, and changing this would be undemocratic. On the other hand, I am in favor of clarifying wording and bringing the Article more in line with the Measure approved by voters. Originally Measure H required a 180-day notice period for Ellis Act evictions, but this period conflicted with the Ellis Act and was lowered to 60 days; increasing the notice period to the 120 day maximum allowed by the Ellis Act would be more in line with the Measure approved by voters. The rental board was approved to oversee Article 18, and I support the rental board's proposed changes.

Thank you,  
Reggy Granovskiy

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**From:** Natalia Govoni  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 3:43 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Re: Item #17--PRESENTATION OF PASADENA RENTAL HOUSING BOARD ON RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO PASADENA FAIR AND EQUITABLE HOUSING CHARTER AMENDMENT (ARTICLE XVIII) AND POTENTIAL DIRECTION TO CITY STAFF TO PREPARE NECESSARY RESOLUTIONS TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER

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Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers:

It is shameful that Ms. Felicia Williams is organizing a group of rapacious landlords to sabotage rent control because she is a Sore Loser!

Article 18 was passed two years ago by a strong majority of the people of Pasadena and this move of hiding substantive changes to the provisions inside a more general charter reform is devious and highly anti-democratic.

Ms. Felicia Williams and her club of rapacious landlords have opposed rent control from the beginning and then resorted to suing the city to prevent it from being implemented. Their attempt was unsuccessful so now they are attempting to rewrite the law which the voters approved.

So, I urge this Council to put minor changes on the ballot that align with the mission of Article 18. It is this article that protects renters from displacement and stabilizes communities.

Furthermore, the language approved by the voters in November 2022 required a 180-day notice period for Ellis Act evictions. This conflicted with the Ellis Act, and the language was struck so that now the noticing period has defaulted to 60 days. Adding a 120 day notice period, which is the maximum allowed under the Ellis Act, would bring the language into closer alignment with what the voters originally approved.

Thank you,  
Natalia Govoni

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**From:** Lou Bloom  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 3:47 PM  
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Good Afternoon,

I would like to submit public comment in support of the Rental Board Recommendations. I live in zip code 91101, and I urge council to adopt the Board's recommendations without making changes to what they put forth.

Measure H passed handily by the voters of this city and the rental board is there to put the will of the voters into practice. **The will of the voters is clear - protect tenant rights and prevent evictions in our city.**

Thank you.

-Lou Bloom

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**From:** Gloria Newton  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 3:54 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Agenda Item #17: Support changes to Article 18 offered by Rental Board and not landlord lobbies

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council Members,

I'm writing to express support for the changes to Article 18 proposed by the Rental Board. I oppose efforts by landlord lobby groups that want to significantly change this law in ways that would undermine the intent to protect renters from displacement and stabilize our communities.

As a homeowner, I feel it is my duty to stand up for my friends and neighbors who do not have the same housing security that I enjoy. I have several friends who have been very grateful for the protections offered by Article 18. Some of these friends are working professionals who do not receive wage increases at the same rate as their rent had increased before this law went into effect. Other friends are seniors living on fixed income who would have been displaced had it not been for Article 18, causing the numbers of seniors experiencing homelessness to increase even more. These are not people with much political influence, but they are important, contributing members of our community.

Landlords are not victims of an unduly restrictive law. They already hold much more power in our society than their tenants. The changes they are proposing are attempts to weaken protections for those who already have less power. None of these landlords is in danger of living on the streets because of Article 18. I urge you to uphold the desires of the majority of Pasadena voters who overwhelmingly supported Article 18 in 2022. Make the minor changes that the Rental Board deem necessary, but nothing more.

Keep our tenant citizens in secure housing, and the entire city will be better for it. Make substantial changes that favor landlords, many of whom do not even live in Pasadena, and we will all suffer.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Best regards,  
Gloria Newton

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Use what you have.  
Do what you can."  
--Arthur Ashe

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**From:** Luka Dowell  
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Dear Pasadena City Council,

I grew up in Pasadena and lived there for twenty years. Pasadena community members should have a voice in city government, not be drowned and driven out by corporate out-of-town interests. Some would see Pasadena's rent control and eviction protections gutted in favor of putting more money in landlord pockets, without regard for how this affects the community.

These tenant protections were hard-won, and fought for by a diverse coalition of neighbors who care about Pasadena and want it to remain an affordable, stable place to call home. The Rental Housing Board has put forth reasonable recommendations that will uphold the spirit of these tenant protection laws. I support these changes because they are intended to protect and serve all of us. I strongly oppose the changes put forward by lobbyists on behalf of landlords, who are eager to carve out loopholes until there's nothing left of the law - nothing left to protect Pasadena residents.

Finally, whether SFH or multifamily, all tenants should benefit from eviction protections. That should go without saying.

Thank you,  
Luka Dowell

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**From:** Patrick Stevens  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 3:59 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Patrick Stevens PTU Activist Comment for 6/17 Pasadena City Council Meeting

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My name is Patrick Stevens & I support the following proposed change to Measure H:

- Increasing Ellis Act eviction noticing requirements (point A.2. in the [staff report](#))

I oppose the following proposed changes

- Changing the composition of the board to have more landlords

Exempting single family homes, ADUs, condos, properties owned by "small landlords" or buildings with a small number of units

Allowing for pass-through of part of the rental housing fee to tenants.

Changing enforcement mechanisms

Changing the fair return standard

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**From:** Raquel Calderon · >  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 4:04 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; Jones, Justin  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 17 of the agenda

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Hello,

I am a resident of District 3. I am writing correspondence today with some concern over Item 17 of tonight's city council agenda.

I want to express support for the boards proposed changes to the city charter Article 18.

And I want to express deep opposition to any changes proposed besides the board's proposed changes.

Article 18 was approved by a majority of voters and substantial changes to that article should be voted on and widely publicized, not snuck through.

The rental board is and SHOULD be majority tenants. Any changes to add more landlords in the name of "diversity" or "balance" ignores that landlords are not a group that have been systematically and historically excluded. Landlords are parties with capital that can afford to own property. Tenants are people needing a place to live and often cannot afford to own. Pasadena is also majority renters and the board should exclude that.

Additionally, tenants of smaller properties (single family homes, ADUs, "small landlords") are not fundamentally different from tenants of large properties and they should not be legally treated any differently.

We are in the middle of a housing crisis and an affordability crisis. Our city leaders should prioritize increasing access to housing for the majority of people rather than the special interests of landlords.

Thank you,  
Raquel Calderon

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**From:** Donna Sider <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 4:14 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Item #17

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City council,

I join with the Rental Housing Board demanding that this council uphold what was painstakingly won less than 2 years ago!! We SUPPORT the changes proposed by the Rental Housing Board and oppose the changes proposed by landlord lobby groups.

Donna S  
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**From:** Betty J White  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 4:17 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** public comment

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Hello, I'm writing in public comment re: item 17.

I want to express my gratitude to the Rental Housing Board & all those that pushed forward rent control & tenant rights in Pasadena. I strongly believe that greed is the biggest factor eroding our society today & it's unfortunate that landlords see us as paychecks rather than people but here we are.

While I support the changes proposed by the board, I strongly oppose those raised by the landlords and their lobby groups. The majority tenant board is intentional and a safety net for the parties with less systemic power—TENANTS. Many of us are renting single family homes & ADUs or small unit buildings in Pasadena as that is how the city is designed. There is no reason for a rent control loophole on these properties, except to extort tenants & increase homelessness and poverty.

Thank you for your time & efforts.

-Betty

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**From:** Victor Suarez  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 4:21 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Correspondence for 6/17 Meeting - Agenda Item #17

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Dear Councilmembers -

My name is Victor Suarez, I'm a resident of District 7 and **I'm writing to express my support for the changes to Article 18 in the city charter proposed by the Rental Housing Board.**

Article 18 has the support of the majority of Pasadena residents, having been approved by a strong majority of the voters less than two years ago. The council **should only put minor changes on the ballot that align with the mission of Article 18**, which is to protect renters from displacement and stabilize communities, which repair language that was struck by a judge, or which streamline administrative processes.

Thank you,

Victor Suarez

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**From:** Bobbi Ennis  
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**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** comment for city council meeting

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To Pasadena City Council,

Article 18 was supported by a majority public vote, and you should strengthen its implementation, not weaken it.

As a low SES, queer, college student resident of Pasadena, I resent the lobbying Landlords use with language such as "diversity, equity, and inclusion" when they themselves do not largely represent marginalized communities. This is even more harmful to my community siblings of color. This language is not a tagline to use in order to gain permission for a pro-business agenda. These are words that matter for necessary progress and change.

As the majority of Pasadena citizens votes reflect: we trust the Rental Board to implement Article 18.

I implore the city council to stand by the citizens of Pasadena by recognizing that weakening Article 18 is being pushed by a small, radical group of landlords.