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City Council Members,

We need rent control in Larkspur, and we need it soon.

Half of the residents of this city are renters, because most of us could never afford to own a home here. I have lived here at Skylark for 28 happy years and do not want to be priced out of my home. But the corporation that bought Skylark has implemented the highest possible rent increase allowable by law (8.8%), and I have heard that we will be receiving 10% annual increases going forward. There needs to be some action by you, the stewards of our community whose calling, I thought, was to look out for the best interests Larkspur residents.

I am probably not the only single, middle-aged woman with medical issues to whom this predicament is becoming increasingly dire.

We need rent control that

(1) puts an annual cap on how much landlords can raise the rent, based on inflation and

(2) establishes just cause eviction protections to prevent arbitrary evictions and protect renters displaced due to no fault of their own.

And we need you to establish a process that would not take so long that we eventually DO end up priced out.

We are looking to you to provide us some means of protection. All we're really asking for is housing security and stability, so that we can remain part of the Larkspur community that we all love.

Respectfully,

Leslie White