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To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Rent Control in Larkspur
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Dear City Council,

As a resident of Larkspur, I greatly urge you to consider prioritizing rent control protections in Marin as soon as possible as many residents' homes are at risk.

We live in the 420+ unit apartment complex of Skylark Apartments. Our complex was recently acquired by a large SF- based investment firm who is attempting to displace current residents by aggressively raising the rent by 10% each year. We have already received our first 10% increase August 1. This pace of annual rent increases is unsustainable, and many people face having to move out of Marin all together if rent control is not passed before our next 10% increase. Rent in Marin was already very high.

We are the teachers, essential workers, health care & child care providers, grocery clerks, college students, seniors and grandparents who can only afford to rent in Marin since home prices have long become out of reach for many with service industry jobs. These are our homes. In fact, many seniors had hoped to live their lives here to be near family or to remain in Marin after selling their home for retirement income. It is disheartening.

I greatly urge **the City Council to take up the issue of adopting rent control that would both stabilize rents and establish just cause eviction protections in Larkspur as soon as possible.**

Thank you for your kind consideration,

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