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Dear council members:

I am an 81 year old single man who has lived in Marin County for 55 years. I produce my art photography in a Sausalito studio (ICB) since 1986 and have been participating in Marin art festivals including the MarinScapes event (now discontinued) in Larkspur for decades. The art market has drastically reduced for me, and I can now barely survive on a VA disability allowance and social security.

Larkspur renters need a broad based rent control protection. A proposed 7% cap is way too high for fixed income residents who represent a great percentage of the half of Larkspur residents who rent in Larkspur.....meaning that we fixed income renters will be forced to move far out of Marin County to live in the immediate future. Corporations have purchased most of the available rental properties, and, by definition, will be raising rents/profits as soon as possible after making temporary rent adjustments because of current renter resistance movements.

By the way, the employed renters in Larkspur certainly cannot expect 7% annual wage increase from employers/corporations who are facing extreme difficulty in making a profit in this economy. With no rent stabilization ordinance, you can be certain that corporate landlords will increase rents as much as possible since rental income is their "economy".

I earnestly urge you to resist corporate pressure and promises of campaign support, and to pass a rent stabilization ordinance to protect a great many Larkspur constituents of your community.

Respectfully, E. Loren Soderberg  
Skylark resident for many years

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