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Good Day, my name is Bob Tucker and I am a retired Police Sergeant living off my pension and social security. I have lived in Larkspur, renting an apartment, for 18 years. I am not opposed to landlords making money off of their investments, that's what being in business is about, making money.

During the past 17 years, every August, my rent was increased by 3%. Like clockwork, and as much as I didn't like it, I had no real issue with the increases, it's business.

In August of 2022, my landlord, "The Belardo Company" raised our rent by 4.20% which was a surprise, but it didn't cause me any real concern. This May I received notice that my June rent was being increased by 5.7%. This struck me as unfair for two reasons. They just raised my rent in Aug/2022 and now 10 months later they are raising it another 5.7%!!!

Is this going to be the new norm, 2 rent increases per year totaling close to 10% each year? If their plan is to force out the long term senior citizen tenants so they can rent our apartments at substantially higher rents, well it might be working. I've talked to a couple of my neighbors who are also surviving on Social Security and/or small pensions and they're considering moving as my wife and I are thinking about doing.

This is so sad, as I have lived in Marin County for 47 years, 18 in Larkspur, I worked as a local police officer/EMT for 25 years and I love this community, but unless something is done to protect us renters, we remain at the mercy of the landlords who appear to be getting greedier and greedier.

I strongly encourage the Larkspur Town Council to consider and implement some FAIR rent control policy/law. I do not want to see landlords, their properties, or employees suffer, but I also do not wish to see those of us long term renters/residents being forced to move out of the area due to financial hardships due to multiple and rising rents.

Thank you,

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