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Dear Larkspur City Council and in response to Mayor Paulson's comments from the May 8, 2023 Public Hearing,

Mayor Paulson,

You're not wrong in your concern for tenants at Skylark who are part for the Skylark Housing Fund. Rent control will never provide as good a cap on our rent as the fund. Seniors, disabled and qualified residents are without question benefiting from the program provided by Prime.

I think we all know, however, that if rent control is passed the Housing Fund will cease to exist. We won't be able to have it both ways.

That is why the only meaningful equation for the cap we recommend is 60% of CPI or 5% whichever is lower.

Even though his equation will negatively impact 125 or more residents who are part of the fund, it's a price some of us are willing to pay for other communities who do not benefit from a fund, and overburdened renters as a whole.

A cap with an equation other than what we are asking will have dire consequences and once again put us in harms way. We will not only lose a far more advantageous program helping us to remain in our homes in Larkspur, but more than 125 residents (and hundreds of other seniors in Larkspur) will again face the probability of being displaced.

Please finalize the cap at 60% or CPI or 5% whichever is lower to keep seniors, the disabled and terminally ill renters in their homes.

Thank you,  
Elaine Hausman