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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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Meeting of September 12, 2022

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PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Tracy Oehler

From: Katherine Peik
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 3:59 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: -EXT- Regarding City Council Meeting, 9/12/22, Agenda Item: Public Comment

Good afternoon City Council Members.

I am writing you today regarding the urgent need for further rental protections for tenants in the city of Ventura. As a worker and a renter in our community I have watched friends, colleagues--all of whom are disproportionately from vulnerable communities--and their families be forced out of our beautiful city, one that many of them have been born in.

Housing security in the city of Ventura has been dire for years, and the prices in this city are now higher than that of 95% of the nation. This council has had chances to create housing equity and protections for renters, yet time and again have erred on the side of propping up protections instead for the what-ifs pertaining to the landlord class. How many more families and community members will we be forced to lose because of this council's lack of action on behalf of renters, and their failure to enact an appropriate rental control measure? How long will it be before everyone who does not have the privilege of making \$180,000 or more a year cannot afford our beloved home?

Protect renters as the valuable community members that we are, enact strong and appropriate rental protections for tenants now. Thank you.

Regards,
Katherine Peik

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From: noreply@cityofventura.ca.gov
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Name	Steven Schleder
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	9/12/2022
Select a Topic:	Public Comments
Recommendation	Support Recommendation
Written Comments	Rent control should be extended to all those people that live on their boats at all marinas at Ventura harbor, not just renters in houses or apartments.
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Name William S. Gray

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Select Legislative/Hearing Body City Council

Meeting Date 9/12/2022

Select a Topic: Agenda Item Number/Topic

Agenda Item Number/Topic Rent Control

Recommendation Against Recommendation

Written Comments Rent control will eventually lead to dilapidated buildings and a lack of further investment in the City...The State cannot figure out why there has been a flight of residents and capital from the State....they need only look at themselves and the layers of regulations and bureaucracy they have created as the root

cause...Rent inflation is a result while rent control is an attempt to cover up the mistakes on the backs of property owners.

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Meeting Date	9/12/2022
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Select a Topic:	Public Comments
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Recommendation	Against Recommendation
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Written Comments	When I bought my 1st house I lived in the garage w/the rats because I couldn't afford the front house. I've had & lost many jobs, but always found work. Sometimes 3places at once, so I could make the mtg. Prmts. I knew I had to keep the property so I would have something to live on when I retired. I'll be 80 in a few months & have never regretted the hard work which made it possible for me to have a decent retirement. Please don't take my life's work away from me.
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Name	Natasha Durel
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Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	9/12/2022
Select a Topic:	Public Comments
Recommendation	Support Recommendation
Written Comments	I recently had my landlord harass me to the point of seeking a restraining order, triple my rent, and found out that he had done this twice before and even attacked a female tenant in her 80's. I have been involved in the tenants union in Santa Barbara and have also been happy to connect with our friends in the tenants union in Ventura. There is little to no protective orders in place to stop landlords from pulling highly unethical moves to scare and harass tenants out of their homes. The fact that it is

happening to ENTIRE apartment complexes and families is far beyond the line. I would like to propose a rent board to instill regulations and protective orders from anyone coming in to purchase big complexes. For example: Do they reside in Ventura County? Are they planning a rent increase beyond the means of already existing tenants? Are they considering job security, living wages, ethical standards of practice? Do they have a history and good standing to show? Thanks for the time.

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**26. FISCAL YEAR 2023 CITY COUNCIL REQUESTED
BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Tracy Oehler

From: Angela Rosales
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 4:57 PM
To: Council
Subject: -EXT- Covid Funds Allocation - Public Restroom please!

Dear City Council,

Thank you for the following consideration regarding unspent Covid Funds.

I am strongly advocating for Covid Funds to be allocated towards the installation of a public restroom , such as the Portland Loo Restroom, for the Downtown area.

- **Public bathrooms are part of necessary infrastructure; and provide essential services for anyone spending time Downtown. Lack of restrooms, not only fail in providing essential services, but also create a public health issue.**
 - The need for a public restroom is even more crucial now that everyone traverses Downtown on foot. Trying to find a place where one can access a restroom was difficult before one could drive over to use the city park restrooms, which are sketchy at best and often closed. But now that parking options are further away, it is impossible to access city restrooms quickly, if at all. The hardship is even greater for those with young children or special needs.
- **Use of Covid Funds for restrooms is an extension of the Main Street Moves Initiative, which was initially created in response to Covid.**
 - Main Street Moves has been overwhelmingly popular; and has done much to improve the Downtown experience. Main Street Moves encourages patrons to spend time Downtown to shop, dine and attend events. But now is the time to follow through with necessary infrastructure to meet the increased demand and foot traffic. Providing more restroom facilities is the natural extension of Main Street Moves. It should not be considered separately, but part of the same initiative.
- **The demand for services will only increase.**
 - As a Downtown merchant for over 9-years, the number one complaint I've heard from patrons is that there are No Public Restrooms! As a City, we cannot invite patrons downtown, and at the same time ignore their essential needs by not providing access to a clean, safe public restroom. We should not leave it up to the visitors to have to search and beg to use a restroom. Nor should the burden be

passed on to downtown businesses to provide these essential and public health services. This is City Government responsibility.

- As Ventura increases in population, the demand is only going to grow. While there may be plans to build a restroom in conjunction with a new parking lot, a solution is needed now. Waiting will only keep the burden on patrons and businesses.

- **The Portland Loo is a solution worth consideration.**

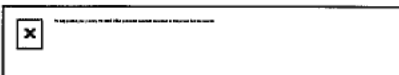
- The public need clean, dignified accommodations. Facilities like the Portland Loo can help meet the need now. It is less expensive than public restrooms, yet safer, cleaner and aesthetically better than a porta-potty. Additionally it allows for members of the LGBTQ+ community, who may prefer unisex bathrooms, access. It accommodates those with disabilities as well.
- When and if, a traditional public restroom is built. The Portland Loo would act as additional facilities during busy weekends and special events. Again, the need is only going grow.

As a Downtown Merchant and a Ventura Resident, I implore you continue the mission of Main Street Moves by allocating unspent Covid Funds toward much needed public restroom facilities.

Thank you for your time. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

--
Angela Rosales
Very Ventura Gift Shop & Gallery

Ventura, CA 93001



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Tracy Oehler

From: Kevin Seelos
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 10:04 PM
To: Council
Subject: -EXT- restrooms and police patrols

To all Council Members:

A couple years ago it was mentioned that a new parking structure would be built at, I believe, Oak and Santa Clara Street and it would include a public bathroom. Although this is off the beaten path regarding the central core of Downtown, it was nice to know that a public bathroom would actually be available in Downtown Ventura. Nothing has happened regarding this structure which is a large project that will take a long time to build if it ever happens. Meanwhile, the need for a bathroom or bathrooms is an everyday issue that needs to be addressed! Please consider some type of restroom whether it is the Portland Loo or something like it.

There is also a great need for a Patrol Officer to be in the Downtown area like there was in the past. I know that the Council is considering 2 new officers for the PTF. I hope you can work something out with this and add more patrols to the Downtown area.

Thank you,

Kevin Seelos
For Your Home Furniture

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