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Preventing evictions and keeping people housed is imperative to the quality of an area. The more people who are evicted, the larger the homelessness and related problems become, such as garbage in our parks and streets, strains on our police and emergency first responder departments, and general eyesores in the community. Padding the wallets of property management companies does nothing to visually benefit our community, while preventing evictions makes a clear and visible impact on the quality and vibe of our immediate surroundings. If people have more opportunities to remain housed in these challenging economic times, the benefit also spills over into our economy. Unhoused people are not the ones purchasing goods and services in our community, housed people are.

For these reasons, I feel it is imperative for there to be stronger protections for tenants in order to prevent evictions, and SB 611 is what can make that a reality. Thank you.