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From: Siobhan Shannon <siobhan530@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Board items 17.24-1690 and 25.24-1640

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To BOS:

I am writing in response to the Mobile Home residency law/rent stabilization.

I am very concerned that if there no cap on rent increases in MHP's, the impact to the residents will most likely result in homelessness. As most of the residents are low income (seniors and disabled), they will likely have no other affordable housing options and will end up living on the streets.

Even if someone is able to find another park with affordable rent, without any rent laws in place, there is a good probability that park will end up with someone who will also be charging a higher unaffordable rent in the near future, and will be in the same situation having to move again.

Many residents moved in when there was no 3x income requirement, so they would not even be approved.

I feel as a resident who is living in an RV park and seeing the increase in rent with no real maintenance to the park, we have no options for help.

For some of us who live where there are no other housing options, residents would literally have to move out of their community, leaving their jobs, doctors and most importantly friends.

I am afraid if this situation isn't dealt with now, we will be looking at large amounts of displaced seniors and disabled, with no resources available to us.

Please consider an interim RSO to prevent rent increases while doing your due diligence. People's lives are at stake, including mine!

Thank you for your time,

Siobhan Shannon
RV Park Resident

From: Kim Dawson
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 10:48 AM
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Please forward a copy of my complete letter to all five board members. I was unable to finish my speech due to a recent neck surgery, which made it difficult for me to speak today.

Thank you,

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Good morning and thank you for your time. I have been standing before you both individually, in town halls and other public venues for some six plus years. I started advocating with the belief that our government's role was to protect the most vulnerable by making decisions for the betterment of the citizens of their district and county. While an Ad Hoc Committee is a start, we need protections while the county does its due diligence. Putting an Interim RSO in place allows the county the time it needs to look at the problem thoroughly, while preventing the park owners from preemptively raising rents and utilities. Make no mistake, mobile home parks in El Dorado County are under attack and we need protections put in place to save one of the last vestiges of affordable housing, housing we can't afford to lose.

You say it is a complicated, multifaceted issue and I am well aware of its complications but isn't this why you ran you became a politician in the first place? To make real and positive changes that affect the citizens in your districts and your county? Investors nationally have bought 24.1 % of available affordable housing in the last year. Investor Corps are robbing our cities and our counties of affordable housing. Leaving low-income and fixed income families scrambling for shelter and local governments dealing with the loss of affordable housing and homelessness in their districts. Are the investment corps reimbursing you for the burdens their greed places on the county's coffers? In our county alone, two recent affordable housing projects have been blocked and the affordable apartments in El Dorado County are on a one to five year waitlist. As a Coordinate Entry Specialist for the homeless, I can tell you we have nowhere to go. The county has no legislation which provides a percentage of all new housing projects to be affordable, so we are not building affordable housing either.

The math is simple: The Social Security increase for 2024 was 3.2%, while rental housing increased 7.1%, transportation increased 4.7%, food increased 6.9%, general housing expenditures increased by 4.7% and miscellaneous expenditures were up 17.3%. Simply put, there is no way for people on fixed incomes to keep up and it is clearly not sustainable. You say it is a complicated, multifaceted issue and I am well aware of its

complications but isn't this why you ran you became a politician in the first place.

While discussing this issue over the past six plus years, many of you promised support with statements like, "I have time commitments for the next couple of months but after they are done. This is something worth advocating for, that will make a real and tangible difference in the lives of the people I represent". I never heard from you again. Another, is now recommending a park owner as a referral source. He is not innocuous, he represents the WMA Western Manufactured Association and he wields the power and the money for the parks owners association. Another of you said, "let me know and I would be happy to jump in to get this done." Two months later you pulled your support. Another asked, "what the impact of \$50 per month rent increase was"? To which I responded, "It will price most of us out of our housing in less than five years".

So I guess my question to all of you, is what is your plan of action? How do you plan to save these folks from losing their homes or what is your relocation plan when they do? I am pleading with you to look at this problem long term and examine your personal role in preventing this. Placing an Interim RSO would protect us now, while allowing the county to do its due diligence. What a legacy you could leave, a leader who wasn't afraid to tackle the hard stuff and who was willing to put your reputation on the line protecting our County's most vulnerable from corporate greed. This is a David vs Goliath situation and without your support, we will lose our housing, all, while you stood by and watched.

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