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San Francisco Board of Supervisors

The Honorable Shamann Walton, Board President  
The Honorable Connie Chan, Supervisor, District 1  
The Honorable Catherine Stefani, Supervisor, District 2  
The Honorable Aaron Peskin, Supervisor, District 3  
The Honorable Joel Engardio, Supervisor, District 4  
The Honorable Dean Preston, Supervisor, District 5  
The Honorable Matt Dorsey, Supervisor, District 6  
The Honorable Myrna Melgar, Supervisor, District 7  
The Honorable Rafael Mandelman, Supervisor, District 8  
The Honorable Hillary Ronen, Supervisor, District 9  
The Honorable Ahsha Safai, Supervisor, District 11

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**Your OBLIGATION to Pass Rent Control Expansion:**

**Fail to Pass Rent Control at Your Political Future Peril!**

Re: **Testimony on New Construction Exemption From Rent Control**  
(Agenda Item 15, File #240880)

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Dear President Peskin and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

You are all surely smart enough and politically astute enough to know that fully 45% of all Californians are renters.

But in San Francisco, the percentage of renters is **at least 65% San Franciscans** are renters, and 60% of renters live in rent-controlled units. That means that **fully two-thirds of voters in every Supervisorial District** are renters — which translates to a **significant number of each of your District constituents you don't DARE disenfranchise with your vote today** on this proposed amendment to San Francisco's Rent Ordinance.

Please do pass File # 240880 unanimously today. **If you don't, you will forever place your political futures in grave peril!**

As far as that goes, Mayor Breed can't be dumb enough to try to veto this legislation, or to return it unsigned, just before the November re-election where her future is already in peril.

Want to win re-election in your future elections to the Board of Supervisors? Want to win elections for other higher elected political office when you are termed off the Board of Supervisors? Just remember how you vote today may be at your own peril.

Don't worry: The billionaires, millionaires, and housing lobbyists will keep shoveling money into your political campaign war chests for your support on other issues. They have no other real choice, but not to keep throwing their campaign contributions at you! And they have shorter memories than us renters when we get thrown under the bus.

If you need more rationale, consider this:

- San Francisco has **one of the highest rates of income inequality** in the United States.
- San Francisco's **older population is the fastest growing**, with the number of residents over the age of 60 expected to be 30% by 2030.
- The **rent gap between rent-controlled housing and non-rent-controlled housing will widen**, potentially leading to increased evictions and displacement.

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- The **median rent for a one-bedroom apartment in San Francisco is \$2,995 per month**, and for a two-bedroom apartment is \$4,000 per month.

Do the right thing. Pass this on first reading, today, unanimously!

If you have not already done so, **request today to be added as a co-sponsor of this Ordinance**. Constituents who vote as renters in your District will also remember this, if you don't sign on as a co-sponsor!

Respectfully submitted,

**Patrick Monette-Shaw**

*A Childless Cat Daddy, But I Vote*

*Columnist, Westside Observer Newspaper*

cc: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board