

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose Housing Inventory Legislation
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Subject: Oppose Housing Inventory Legislation

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Dear Supervisors.

I understand the Board of Supervisors are going to vote on the Housing Inventory Legislation this week, and I am writing to express my concern as well as urge you to oppose this proposed legislation.

While I understand the intention is to understand the housing situation in the city in order to address the lack of affordable housing units, I think there are other ways, such as conducting a survey to get to this information, and/or supplement the data that Rent Board already has or take a more focused approach like taking over small buildings to house the unhoused.

I urge you to oppose this legislation, primarily because of 3 reasons:

1. There are many housing providers, who are simply 1-2 unit owners, who are already suffering from vacancy, significant drop in rent or tenants not being able to pay. There are many in the Asian American community. I read posts from the Chinese American community daily about these issues. With additional licensing, etc. This will inevitably force small owners to sell and reduce rental supply, not to mention, many of the small landlords counting on the rental income already suffer from Covid impact on small businesses.
2. There are privacy concerns of both small housing providers/individuals, as well as many renters, some of whom are undocumented immigrants, who may not want to share such data.

3. This also creates additional staffing when in fact, SF city faces a huge budget deficit already. Why implement a rental survey that does not do any immediate good? Can the funds be used for mentally ill immediately or do something tangible like taking over small buildings selectively like District 5 Supervisor Candidate Vallie Brown once advocated to house the unhoused? I think it is better to be hands-on to solve the problem then collecting data and analysis, while little is being done tangibly.

Thank you for your attention. I urge you to oppose this proposed legislation

Best

Jennifer Yan

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
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RE: Housing Inventory Legislation

Dear Supervisors,

I hope everyone had a lovely Thanksgiving.

As someone who is NOT a landlord, I do not have a horse in this race . . . I am merely a citizen who cares deeply about democracy and needs to speak out when I see my government behaving in a dangerous way toward it's citizens.

I'm so sorry to say, but the "Housing Inventory Legislation" currently before the BOS seems rather anti-democratic and has the appearance of a power-grab by government against the governed, which I'm sure no one intended. Perhaps this needs a little re-drafting . . . or scrapping altogether.

The rationale that the Board has voiced doesn't justify adding another costly bureaucracy to SF government.

All the claimed "needs" are already met though other means. Why add a significant cost when not needed? Now, there may be reasons you have not voiced - and that should be concerning to anyone who cares about democracy and good governance. Please do share any other justification that would support this action.

In addition to all other privacy concerns, addressing just the "rationale" you have explicitly stated:

1) The rent board already knows all the units...they are assessing the fee. They have the unit count, parcel/block/lot and if the homeowner is exempt plus they know which units are used for Short Term Rental given that they need a Short Term Rental Permit (Office of Short Term Rental) inside Planning Department.

2) Given the above, what is Rent Board doing with the information, can't that be shared? Why isn't it sufficient?

- Why ever would we want to make government less efficient by doing the same thing twice?

3) Please justify the cost of this new license and the existing fee?

4) Are you aware that many renters do not want this legislation? Renters who understand the proposal do not want their friends, neighbors, employers, employees, dates, etc... to be able to look up their rent (it will not list their names, but not hard to figure out when you know the address...).

5) If you care about the shortage of housing in SF, you would obviously not pass this legislation - as it is likely to decrease rental units. Despite the prevailing sentiment that all housing in SF is owned by massive corporations, you all must know that the majority of units in the city are owned by small landlords. Small landlords don't generally use property companies and don't necessarily want their information made public.

6) I must ask, are you telling the public everything? Will this be used for any other purpose in the future?

- If not, it should be explicitly stated and any other use should be specifically prohibited in the text of the legislation.
- If it might be used for other purposes in the future that information should be shared with the public and those uses should be clearly stated.

Because your stated aims are already met through other means one has to wonder why you are proposing a multi-million dollar program to do this again. It is highly concerning ... with shades of severe governmental interference where it doesn't belong.

If you aren't satisfied with currently available information you could always send out an annual survey - less expensive and without the unwelcome sense of pitting government against the people.

I urge you to oppose this proposed legislation.

Marie Hurabiell

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
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I speak for many when I say that I and my friends and family are completely against this fly by night proposition, totally unneeded especially at this time.

Please vote no!

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Dear Mayor Breed, Supervisor Fewer, and the entire SF Board of Supervisors,

I hope you are well and healthy. First of all, I want to thank you for all the work that you are doing during this difficult time.

I became aware of your proposal to require licensing for all San Francisco landlords. Although I am not a landlord in San Francisco, I feel that this proposal invades the privacy of landlords and tenants. Most landlords in San Francisco own small property on which they are also residents of the property. Below are my concerns:

1. The Rent board already has a database of all the units. They have the unit count, parcel/block/lot, and if homeowner exempt plus they know which ones are used for Short Term Rental giving that they need a Short Term Rental Permit (Office of Short Term Rental) inside Planning Dept.
2. Given the above, what is Rent Board doing with the information - Why isn't it sufficient?
3. Justify the cost of this new license and the existing fee....all of this has to be cost recovery and not make a profit.
4. How is it appropriate to investigate a legal action (rent increase or reduction)?
5. This proposal may decrease rental units because small landlords don't use property companies and don't necessarily want their information public.

My biggest concern is the financial effects for the middle class in San Francisco, we are the backbone of society and San Francisco will become (already has) great for the very rich and the very poor. Also, very wealthy people from other countries, for example, China, the Middle East, and Latin America will be buying real estate in San Francisco paying cash. We don't want our city to be owned by foreign wealthy people.

Please reconsider this proposal and vote no.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Erika McNamara
San Francisco Resident.



San Francisco Renters Alliance

November 30, 2020

Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer
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Dear Supervisor Fewer,

The San Francisco Renters Alliance wishes to express its support of the proposed Housing Inventory ordinance (File No. 201262). While San Francisco boasts strong rent control and tenant protection laws, more transparency and accountability is needed from the city's landlords. We agree that the City should have a full picture of the rental market, and landlords should be providing that information if they want to be able to increase their rents.

San Francisco renters are vulnerable to predatory behavior by landlords of all sizes. We must start holding them accountable, and this bill is a big step in the right direction, especially in the case of corporate landlords. The Housing Inventory will tighten up compliance by corporate entities who are subject to corporate rental laws that can be difficult to enforce.

We believe this bill will benefit all San Francisco renters, creating security in the short-term, and hopefully a more affordable housing market in the long-term. We urge the Board of Supervisors to pass this legislation.

The San Francisco Renters Alliance (SFRA) is a grassroots group of renters, for renters, that advocates for the interests of both existing and prospective renters in San Francisco. We amplify the political voice of renters at all income levels and from all backgrounds to know which elected officials advocate for policies that align with their interests, what programs are available to support them as individuals and family units, and recommendations on how to become engaged civically.

Sincerely,
San Francisco Renters Alliance