

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Government Audit and Oversight Committee - September 17 - Agenda Item 8 (File 200518) - Rent Control at Midtown Park Apartments
Date: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:42:40 AM

From: Cat Bell <bellacatus@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 8:42 PM
To: Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>
Cc: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
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Dear Supervisors Peskin, Mar and Haney,
I am writing to urge you to support the Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to make the units at Midtown subject to the Rent Control Ordinance.

The Midtown Apartments were built after the devastating Fillmore Western Addition Project of the 1970's, a legacy that San Francisco has yet to make sufficient reparations for. My understanding is that there are still people who have Certificates of Return that they have not been able to use. That is a travesty.

San Francisco has Midtown apartments, which was specifically built as home for people who were displaced by that redevelopment project. Many of the current residents were displaced or are descendants of displaced individuals. The promise was that the residents would own their homes.

Instead, Midtown was turned over to Mercy Housing, an agency that proceeded to raise their rent to 30% of income, which caused some tenants's rent to increase substantially, and thus caused tremendous hardship and stress for residents. San Francisco is blessed with this opportunity for which many members of the Midtown Community and allies have worked so hard to bring forth. And this is your opportunity to represent the best of San Francisco, to make this vitally urgent correction: To amend the Administrative Code in order to protect Midtown Apartments with Rent Control. The alternative: Betrayal, further fueling of gentrification, pushing yet more Black people and other people of color out of San Francisco.

Supervisor Preston's legislation adjusts the rent owed by long term tenants to what would have been allowed under rent control and it provides future protection against major rent increases. Please support this legislation.

Sincerely,
Cathy Bellin (Cat Bell)

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Rent Control protections for Midtown! (File No. 200518)
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 4:56:34 PM

From: Cynthia Fong <cynthia@hrccsf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 4:03 PM
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Subject: Rent Control protections for Midtown!

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco in support of Supervisor Preston's ordinance to return historic rent control protections to the Midtown Park Apartments.

As you know, Midtown was built in 1967 as replacement housing for Fillmore/Western Addition families who lost their homes during our City's Civic Redevelopment. Midtown was built and developed as cooperative housing with opportunities to own, but the City never fulfilled this promise to the residents. For decades, Midtown residents believed they were subject to the protections of rent control, and received rent increases aligned with the annual allowable amounts. That changed suddenly in 2014, when some tenants received rent increases of 300% or more.

Supervisor Preston's legislation addresses these unjust rent hikes, by adjusting the rent owed by long term tenants to what would have been allowed under rent control. It also provides future protection against major rent increases.

This legislation is about basic fairness. Without it, the largely African American community at Midtown will lose housing stability, which could lead to displacement. If you think that "Black Homes Matter", and you want to support our community in San Francisco, we urge you to approve this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Cynthia

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Cynthia Fong
Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco
Richmond District Community Organizer
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Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 4:53:30 PM

From: Richard Ivanhoe <richardivanhoe@sbcglobal.net>
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Dear Supervisors Mar, Peskin and Haney,

I support the Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to make the units at Midtown subject to the Rent Control Ordinance.

As described in the Background section of the Budget and Legislative Analyst's report, Midtown opened in 1968 to provide housing for those displaced by urban renewal. 65% of the units have an individual 60 years old or older (born 1960 or earlier). As stated in section 37.12A(a) of the proposed ordinance, from 1968 to 2014, Midtown tenants generally received rent increases commensurate with the City's rent control laws.

Many of the tenants of Midtown were displaced, or are the descendants of those displaced by urban renewal. San Francisco was responsible for the displacement. It should accept responsibility and take care of the Midtown tenants. This ordinance can help.

I urge you to support the Ordinance and send it to the full Board with a recommendation for approval.

Thank you,

--Richard Ivanhoe--