Dear Senator Liu,

For some of us, the situation is becoming critical and soon we will probably have to move. Home ownership is my goal, I do not think that it will become a reality. Without the help of Legislators and, perhaps, the Governor allowing waivers and adjustments to the Roberti Bill to allow all the tenants to somehow qualify to buy their homes. We need help with financing and the ability for the tenants who do not qualify to purchase their home at a level that is equal to what they are paying in rent. We cannot afford to purchase it at the fair market value.

But, if the unthinkable occurs, as it seems to be coming up quickly, there are a few things that I am hoping can be considered and implemented to help the tenants move in a supportive way.

1. Provide assistance for relocation costs, regardless of whether they can qualify for the affordable program or not. (Moving is very expensive)

2. Provide assistance, such as a rental service, to help tenants to find comparable rental properties in their neighborhood area. With so many tenants possibly looking for places to rent, finding rentals will become very competitive.

3. Extend the time for tenants to move from 60 days of notice to 120 days to help tenants consolidate their lives and move.

4. Suspend the rent payments from the time of notice to move until the tenants move to help offset the extreme financial hardship that we tenants have endured with the 10% per 6 months rental increases. This would help us to gather the funds to properly move instead of being rushed into hasty decisions.

5. Provide assistance to all tenants who are noticed to move with services such as moving trucks, vans, etc.

6. Provide the tenants with positive rental reference documents to help us to relocate.

Thank you for trying to help.

Sincerely,
Marie Ibsen Risigari-Gai

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20 year tenant