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Caltrans needs to make sure that all of the individuals renting from them are allowed to rent the homes that they are in at the rates they are currently renting and they need to also make sure that the most vulnerable renters are allowed to stay in the homes they have been inhabiting so that these individuals can retain their dignity and lifestyle. There are many elderly individuals who have lived in their homes for decades who have paid month after month, who have taken care of their homes and who have been quality members of the community; these individuals are going to be geographically displaced, which is to say that they will inevitably be "priced-out" of their community if they cannot afford to buy their homes and their homes are then sold to a third party, as Caltrans plans, who will inevitably hike up their rent after they make the repairs and improvements that Caltrans has neglected for decades and after the third party who now owns the property makes these homes more attractive to renters who can afford to pay more.

Caltrans needs to give current tenants enough time to save up for a down payment on a mortgage and to get their credit and finances in order. It takes two years of employment to qualify for a mortgage so three years is a good starting point as this gives someone who has been out of work or a mother who has taken time off to raise young children enough time to find adequate employment and save up!

Do not forget that you are dealing with people who have built their lives in the communities that they inhabit. They have roots where they live and it is not right for the government to suddenly say "alright folks thanks for paying us rent on time for years and years while we get our act together on this stupid freeway idea, now wave goodbye to your neighbors and your friends in the area because you can't afford the house you live in and we're selling it to someone who can and who will definitely hike your rent at some point in the future because of this unprecedented high-rent market!"

This is supposedly about what is fair for everyone in the state of California, what is fair is that people who have been essentially trapped in limbo for a few years to decades and who have made lives in these homes and many who could have qualified for mortgages on these homes and who could have afforded to buy these homes before the prices skyrocketed because of real estate speculation that had nothing to do with their choices, are being taken advantage of. You have the opportunity to hurt people's lives or help them, don't compromise your integrity and humanity by allowing these homes to be essentially taken from the good people who live in them.

Additionally, those who should be given more money than has already been offered so that may be able to pay the first/last/and deposit.

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