From:
To: City Council
Subject: Woodmark apts.

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Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Longwillow. I am speaking out as a concerned citizen of Sonoma County and supporter of a tenant at Woodmark Apartments.

I am asking you to approve an Urgency Just Cause Eviction Ordinance that takes effect on the first day of tenancy for current and future tenants. Accompanied by three months of market-rate relocation assistance that doesn't require signing away of legal rights. An Urgency Ordinance is the only protection that would ensure that all the remaining families at Woodmark are covered by the 14th of December, as well as tenants in other deed-restricted housing.

The developer's actions in this matter are morally and ethically deplorable, and I would hope that steps are taken to hold them accountable. To not move forward with protections for Woodmark residents sets a dangerous precedent for the inevitable continued development in Sebastopol and beyond.

Having lived in West County for 35 years and witnessed the incredible population explosion, I have concerns that the most vulnerable among us, who can't afford rental market rates, are not being adequately considered nor protected. We can (hello Peace Town) and should do better.

That is why I am standing with others to ask that Sebastopol take immediate action to support an Urgency Just Cause Ordinance to cover deed-restricted housing like Woodmark. These protections are just one step you have the power and opportunity to take to protect your constituents. Thank you for hearing us.

Longwillow