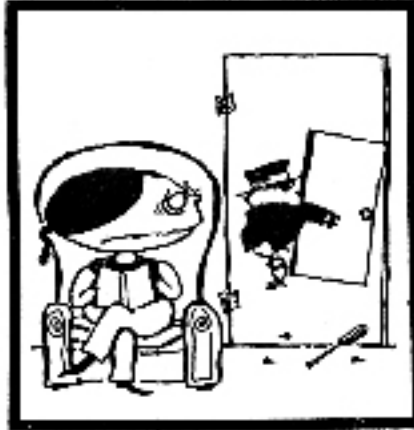


YES on PROP M

Stop Tenant Harassment by Landlords!

Harassing tenants from their apartments so landlords can raise the rent or convert the apartment to a condominium is a growing problem in San Francisco. Landlords have found they can empty entire buildings with aggressive harassment and then double or triple the rents on those units.



Harassment works for landlords because existing laws provide few protections against landlords who act like bullies. If a tenant is being harassed, their only recourse is live through and document months or years of abusive behavior until the abuse becomes so severe they suffer “legal damages” like doctor bills or lost income and then they can sue the landlord. Most tenants move well before this.

Proposition M on the November ballot will stop tenant harassment and save peoples’ homes and save affordable housing. Proposition M adds to our rent control law a section defining harassment and prohibiting the harassment of tenants by landlords. Proposition M will let tenants go to the Rent Board and get a rent decrease when being harassed by their landlord. Tenants won’t have live with years of abuse before they can do anything but will be able to stop the harassment when it starts.

Actions like threatening tenants with physical harm, starting repairs but never finishing them, demanding private information like citizenship status or Social Security numbers, illegally entering the tenants’ apartment, or failing to accept rent from tenants will all be defined as harassment and prohibited by our rent control law. Proposition M will also help tenant fight off serial, bogus eviction notices by making sure tenants get attorneys fees whenever a landlord issues bogus eviction notices.

Harassment of tenants—often seniors who have lived in their homes for decades—is unacceptable behavior which San Francisco should not tolerate. Our current laws not only tolerate harassment, they encourage harassment and landlords are making huge profits through despicable behavior.

Vote YES on Proposition M to end landlord harassment of tenants!

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