

**From:** [jill anderson](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support strong renter protections & an eviction moratorium  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 11:31:08 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Julie Beall](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** Landlord Rights  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 2:40:20 PM

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I'm sorry.... but this is totally incomprehensible for me to understand what the heck the City council is thinking in regard to landlord rights.

I am self-employed.

Read: No pension.

I own 2 multiplexes which I spend about 40% of the rent on improvements.

TWO. Not 200.

This is my pension. Once they are paid off, I was hoping to have a cash flow equal to a state worker's pension.

Every month, I break even IF everyone pays their rent.

I am a great landlord. I respond quickly and work hard to provide. My tenants stay for a good long while usually.

You guys are putting an unusually large burden on the hard-working middle class to help provide housing to people who are disrespectful, opportunistic folks. There are no checks and balances. The landlord has no power in the rental market right now. I have an emotional support dog in a unit because I have to. And, as a result, I will be losing other long term tenants who are allergic to dogs. Why? I have to!! The younger generation is aware of all of this socialized housing happening and figuring out how to screw "the man" .... and I am on the losing end of it.

The outcome.... you guys have lost my trust. I am moving all of my rentals and life plan of being a good landlord out of Seattle. I will be 1031 exchanging all of my assets to a market that realizes that landlords have to have some say in who lives in their rental units. I need to protect my assets and my local government is not supporting me. Where will local government be when the emotional support dog ruins my unit? NOWHERE!

The system in Seattle is SO tenant-favored that the backbone of the Seattle rental market (the mom and pop landlords) will be leaving you.

I am a lesbian. I am 56 years old. I have lived in Seattle for 33 years.

I believe in equality for all. I am not above any one of my tenants.

I thought about running for city council to try to change things -- but frankly, it's just too

late.

I don't want to put up with the socialized, ultra-liberal politics that has everyone obsessing on how they can serve the underserved at the cost of the middle class.

I'm a drop of sand. I get that.

But, I am not alone. You are losing the city I grew up and it will show in the next decade, I am certain.

That said, you can't take care of the housing issues in this town on my back. I refuse.

*Julie Beall*

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**From:** [Brandon Bowersox-Johnson](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please support strong renter protections & an eviction moratorium  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 9:45:48 PM

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King County Councilmembers,

I'm writing in support of Ordinance 2021-0313. Please support it without weakening renter protections.

All renters, whatever type of lease their landlord offers, deserve the security of knowing that they won't be thrown out of their homes without a good cause during this extended pandemic and economic crisis. Please keep the "just cause" protections in this ordinance strong.

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Thanks for all you are doing to move King County to a better future during this multi-dimensional crisis.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Sean Case](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support strong renter protections & an eviction moratorium  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 11:52:49 AM

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Sincerely,  
Sean Case

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**From:** [Beth Gemo](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support strong renter protections & an eviction moratorium  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 1:47:45 PM

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If we end the moratorium too soon, we will exacerbate the homelessness and we will end up with even more class division in Seattle. I don't want Seattle to end up like San Francisco.

Sincerely,  
Beth Gemo

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**From:** [Matthew Gleason](#)  
**To:** [Balducci, Claudia](#)  
**Cc:** [Dembowski, Rod](#); [Zahilay, Girmay](#); [Lambert, Kathy](#); [Kohl-Welles, Jeanne](#); [Dunn, Reagan](#); [Upthegrove, Dave](#); [von Reichbauer, Pete](#); [McDermott, Joe](#); [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** Pass Ordinance 2021-0131 Without Watering Down  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 11:59:46 AM

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Council member Balducci,

I am a constituent living in the crossroads neighborhood who strongly supports the tenant protection legislation in its current form, or stronger. As a leader in regional housing policy, I urge you to follow the recommendations of reports you have commissioned to strengthen renter protections. Anything less than the currently proposed language would represent a discontinuity between those reports you've touted and county policy. Please stand by us, your constituents who elected you to represent progressive and humane values at county council today. In addition to voting against any amendments to weaken the legislation, please extend the eviction moratorium that protects me and my neighbors during these difficult times.

Thank you,  
Matt Gleason  
District 6

**From:** [Alexandra Gobeille](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 11:45:59 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Katie Harlan](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support strong renter protections & an eviction moratorium  
**Date:** Thursday, June 24, 2021 7:28:46 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Kari Koszdin](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** comment on bill 2021-0131  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 1:53:40 PM

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I wasn't able to sign up in time to give comments but here are my comments:

I am a landlord in the city of Seattle. I provide 9 units to tenants who make 80% of the Seattle median income, so I am an affordable housing provider.

1. This bill will not address the lack of affordable housing in King county. What we need is more housing, not further regulations. We cannot regulate our way out of the affordable housing crisis. I think these regulations will discourage landlords from renting to low income tenants.
2. If I cannot request a social security number from a prospective tenant, I will not be able to check their credit to make sure they can pay. I think that may be setting some tenants up for failure.
3. If a tenant is not able to pay rent or is violating a term of the lease, I would like to have the option of working with the tenant to terminate tenancy at the end of the lease period rather than forcing me to renew the lease. It is better for me and for the tenant who would otherwise have an eviction on their record.

I would never move to evict a tenant who did not violate the lease terms and was paying rent. So I don't really understand why these rules are needed.

Kari Koszdin

**From:** [Tim Marshall](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** [charles mayer](#)  
**To:** [Dembowski, Rod](#); [Zahilay, Girmay](#); [Lambert, Kathy](#); [Kohl-Welles, Jeanne](#); [Dunn, Reagan](#); [Upthegrove, Dave](#); [Balducci, Claudia](#); [von Reichbauer, Pete](#); [McDermott, Joe](#); [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please Pass Ordinance 2021-0131 to prevent homelessness  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 12:01:47 PM

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Dear King County Council members,

I am a family physician who has practiced in King County for the last 30 years. Becoming unhoused is one of the most detrimental life changes that can occur to people in our community.

As a provider, I have seen it first hand. Becoming unhoused leads to mental and physical illness in so many and can be prevented. The need and cost for health care and social services for these people who become ill can be prevented too.

One very important way to prevent these travesties, is a strong yet reasonable tenant protection law in King County. I'm writing to urge you to pass Ordinance 2021-0313 without weakening renter protections. Please also enact an eviction moratorium for unincorporated King County and other emergency protections so families don't get evicted for COVID rental debt.

This is so important-it is a matter of life and death for so many of our community members.

Thank you in advance,

Charles Mayer MD MPH  
Family Physician, Seattle

I acknowledge the land I occupy today as the traditional home of the Duwamish, Tulalip, Muckleshoot, and Suquamish tribal nations who still live here today.

**From:** [Tina McKim](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support strong renter protections & an eviction moratorium  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 12:30:12 PM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Tara Miller](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support strong renter protections & an eviction moratorium  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Estela Ortega](#)  
**To:** [Dembowski, Rod](#); [Zahilay, Girmay](#); [Lambert, Kathy](#); [Kohl-Welles, Jeanne](#); [Dunn, Reagan](#); [Upthegrove, Dave](#); [Balducci, Claudia](#); [von Reichbauer, Pete](#); [McDermott, Joe](#); [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** Keep Ordinance 2021-0131 strong  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 11:27:09 AM  
**Attachments:** [062321\\_Support of Renters Protection Legislation.pdf](#)

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Through our work to support Tenants with rental assistance, we have seen first-hand how Immigrant communities, low-income communities and communities of color have suffered the most during the pandemic, both in number of COVID-19 cases and the economic impact, and now they are at the greatest risk of eviction. Renters need and deserve stronger protections both during recovery from the pandemic and permanently. El Centro de la Raza continues to raise funds to provide food and emergency assistance to families impacted by the pandemic. To date we have helped over 1,300 families with emergency rental assistance. We know the need is great and we will continue to do all we can to support families threatened with eviction.

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## ***Estela Ortega***

### **Executive Director**

El Centro de la Raza (The Center for People of all Races)

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as we advocate on behalf of our people  
and work to achieve social justice.

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*With over 13,736 volunteer hours, El Centro de la Raza serves 21,324 individuals and 7,824 families through the following programs and services provided in Seattle and Federal Way:*

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Bebes! Infant Mortality Prevention  
Benefits Enrollment Navigation  
Bilingual Legal Clinics  
Business Opportunity Center  
Café con El Centro de la Raza  
Centilia Cultural Center  
César Chávez Demonstration Garden  
Census Outreach  
College Readiness  
Comadres Monthly Workshops  
Commercial and Tenant Space  
Community Meeting Space  
Community Organizing  
Community Service  
Crisis Advocacy  
Cultural / Political / Social Events  
Economic Development  
ECR Transitional Housing  
El Patio Apartments  
Emergency Safety Planning & Sensitive Location Project  
Employment Assistance  
ESL Classes  
Eviction Prevention  
Federal Way Open Doors Program  
Financial Empowerment  
Food Bank  
Foreclosure Counseling  
Growing and Learning Together  
Home Visiting Program  
Hope for Youth Cultural Enrichment  
Hirabayashi Place  
Historical and Educational Presentations  
HUD Certified Seminars for First-Time Home Buyers  
Immigration / Social Justice / Human / Civil Rights Advocacy  
José Martí Child Development Center  
Labor Standards Outreach & Education  
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Plaza Roberto Maestas After School Program  
Santos Rodriguez Memorial Park  
Seattle Youth Violence Prevention  
Senior Nutrition & Wellness Program  
Smoking Cessation & Policy Work  
Summer Learning  
Tax Preparation and ITIN Renewal Site  
Unidos @ Work  
Unidos in Finance  
Veterans' Outreach Services  
Volunteerism & Community Service Site  
Voter Registration

June 23, 2021

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Mil Gracias for your consideration,

Estela Ortega  
Executive Director

**From:** [Sonja Ponath](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** public testimony for renters' right legislation  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 2:25:24 PM

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Hello,

I'm Sonja Ponath, a working mom living in a King county suburb; I'm a member of Socialist Alternative and I am a landlord myself.

You should absolutely vote yes on the full slate of renters' rights without loopholes. But that's not enough. Renters need a full bill of rights, including rent control. Rents keep rising, but income does not.

This pandemic has been horrible for us all and spotlights the inequality we face in society. It is shameful but not surprising that corporate landlords are pushing hard to weaken, if not outright kill, these renter protections up for a vote.

I don't agree with those landlords claiming that the renters rights we have passed in Seattle is the source of all their troubles. Or that they are onerous. What's actually onerous is forking over \$4- \$6k for move-in fees.

These bills are supported by thousands. The fact is the system of capitalism is pushing out small landlords, not help and rights for renters. And people will sell for many reasons. These objections raised are about a threat to their profits and nothing more. Landlords are making tons of money and rents are rising here at 2.5 x the national average. I just don't think I'm alone in seeing my profits increase in the past few years.

There is a very small minority of landlords around who may have an issue and they have plenty of resources to help them. Renters do not. Landlords do not don't need a special carve out that corporate landlords will exploit. I understand that one of the amendments that Democrats are proposing is increasing the percentage that landlords can charge for late fees. That makes no sense. You cannot get blood from a stone. If someone is late paying their rent, it's because they don't have enough money.

Adding on additional fees doesn't solve the problem - it's just another penalty for being poor.

I urge you to publicly declare your support for the full Renters' Bill of Rights as you take action on the legislation before you today.

Thank you,  
Sonja

*Sonja Ponath*

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**From:** [Max Savishinsky](#)  
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Dear King County Councilmembers,

Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility (WPSR) is a statewide, 40-year-old, health professional-led advocacy organization working to create a healthy, just, peaceful, and sustainable world.

**On behalf of the WPSR network of health advocates, I am writing to urge you to pass Ordinance 2021-0313 without weakening these renter protections. We also ask that you urgently enact an eviction moratorium for unincorporated King County so families do not get evicted for COVID rental debt.**

According to recently released 2020 Point in Time count data, Washington has seen a 6% overall increase in homelessness since 2019, and a 13% increase in unsheltered homelessness.

As health professionals, we are very concerned about the public health risks posed by a wave of evictions following the end of the moratorium. Chronic homelessness, and unsafe and high cost-burden housing are significant public health issues that can impact the mental and physical well-being of Washington residents for years, if not for generations.

Homelessness and housing insecurity are associated with a range of [poor health outcomes](#), including: higher risk of exposure to communicable diseases, higher rates of emergency medical services, greater risk of chronic illness, and life expectancy that is on average 12 years shorter than the general US population. We also know, due to research published by [Leifheit et al. \(2020\)](#) and [Sheen et al. \(2020\)](#), that evictions are directly correlated with increases in COVID-19 community transmission and mortality rates.

Unincorporated King County saw more no-cause evictions than any other jurisdiction in the county in 2019. 12.6% of evictions in unincorporated King County were without cause, compared to just 4.4% of all evictions countywide. While Governor Inslee's eviction moratorium has helped to slow the increase of the unhoused population, we are gravely concerned about the health of King County renters if robust tenant protections are not implemented before the state moratorium is lifted.

**Please keep Ordinance 2021-0313 strong and do not vote for amendments that weaken its protections.** Additional emergency measures like extending an eviction moratorium are needed to keep our communities healthy and ensure people are not evicted due to pandemic rental debt.

Sincerely,



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**From:** [Tom Sheehan](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support strong renter protections & an eviction moratorium  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 11:59:49 AM

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**From:** [Brian Simpson](#)  
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Good afternoon Councilmembers,

My name is Rebecca Berry, I am a proud Skyway resident, and Skyway Coalition Manager; I'm writing on behalf of, and with the full support of the Coalition, urging you to

- ***pass Ordinance 2021-0313 without weakening these renter protections***, and to
- ***enact an eviction moratorium for unincorporated King County and other emergency protections***

This will help ensure that families don't get evicted for COVID rental debt, further displacing black and brown communities, including our vulnerable residents in our unincorporated community.

Due to time constraints, I offered a shortened live testimony in support of CMs Zahilay & Kohl-Welles Ordinance, Wed morning, June 9th; here, I will continue to share our community's concerns and support for the passage of this important, critical ordinance for our black and brown communities.

This package contains essential policies to protect the Skyway community from unfair, discriminatory, deceptive and abusive practices. These are other measures that can help prevent displacement, which de-stabilizes families and communities.

Two specific ways we see this ordinance protecting renters in Skyway include:

In the zip code with the largest population of Black residents in Skyway/98178, and, the majority of the housing units in Skyway are rental units. We are a 54% renter community. Data from pre-pandemic evictions filings (released by the King County Bar Association) show that unincorporated King County saw more no-cause evictions than any other jurisdiction in the county.

In 2019, 19.8% of all no-cause evictions were in unincorporated King

County, despite only 6.9% of all evictions occurring in these areas. 12.6% of evictions in unincorporated King County were without cause, compared to just 4.4% of all evictions countywide.

Also, Skyway's average household income is much lower than the county's average household income. And, among our renters, many households are cost-burdened—meaning they are paying more than 30% of their income in housing costs. These households are vulnerable to displacement and very much need the protections of this ordinance. Recent data showed that 54% of Skyways renter households are cost burdened. And, among households living on less than \$35,000 in annual income, an alarming 92% are cost burdened.

Skyway Coalition urges you to be sure that this ordinance and its implementation include a robust public information campaign, enforcement, and monitoring. New policies such as the ones in this ordinance will require information to tenants, landlords, employers, real estate community and others. The information campaign should be multilingual, as Skyway's linguistic diversity is greater than the county as a whole. And, tenants will need an entity charged with enforcing these new policies.

We urge the Council to adopt the proposed legislation. The Skyway Coalition stands ready to help in the implementation.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Berry  
Onbalf of the Skyway Coalition, King County District 2

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**From:** [Margot Stewart](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support expanding renters' rights and protections with no corporate loopholes  
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Here is public comment for the council that I was not able to deliver at the meeting today. My name is Margot, I rent and work in King County. I'm calling in support of expanding just-cause eviction protections for renters, protection from legalized discrimination in the form of credit checks, and the whole slate of renters' rights measures on the table today. This council has a majority of democrats, many of whom are self-described progressives, and not a single republican vote would be required to pass these measures. There's no excuse to not pass them with no loopholes and no amendments to water them down.

Our housing crisis predates the COVID pandemic, but the economic crisis that has come with it have put King County renters at risk of a tsunami of evictions in the coming months. For many this crisis is already a reality; a former neighbor of mine was bullied by their landlord into self-evicting rather than renewing their lease and now lives in a van. The average King County rental debt is nearly \$5,000, the highest in the state. Meanwhile, big corporate landlords like Equity Apartments, which owns nearly 10,000 apartments in the county, especially in the suburbs, and reported \$963 million in profits in 2020, have been profiting exorbitantly during the pandemic.

Folks have asked why we are talking mainly about corporate landlords here; it's because the reality is the biggest evictors are disproportionately these corporate landlords, who have already helped raise rents by 13.3% this year. I'm proud to be part of a fighting renters' rights movement that has won major victories over the years alongside councilmember Sawant's office in Seattle. We need a full renters' bill of rights for the county, including all the measures listed here, residential and commercial rent control, and funding for quality social housing, and we know from experience that only a grassroots movement of tenants, small businesses, and ordinary people can win it. I urge the council again to vote in favor of these measures with no carve outs or loopholes. Thank you.

**From:** [Simone Thomas](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
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I do not understand how ordinances such as this are legal or fair when the result is a devalue rental property, and reduce my retirement income that I have spent my life accumulating by means of hard work. Would you be willing to provide your services, assuming you have a business or profession, free or at reduced rates since the homeless probably cannot afford those either? Why should landlords be singled out and required to be the only ones to provide housing for homeless?

Michael Utt