

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a program for the benefit of tenants. Therefore, should the fees be increased (which they shouldn't) tenants should "pay their fair share". Landlords have been unable to raise rents for almost a year and a half despite rising costs. For example, why weren't the trash fee increases frozen? The lame excuse is that the City has a contract with the trash companies. BUT I HAVE A CONTRACT WITH MY TENANTS, and the City had no problem interfering with that contract. I have been unable to even charge an approved capital improvement allowance, despite the fact that it was completed over two years ago. But the housing department took OVER A YEAR to process it and then proceeded to tell me "Too late--rents are frozen. You can't charge it now". Do you or do you not want sufficient housing for the people? If you continue to punish housing providers, the housing shortage will just keep growing. If you don't want tenants to share the cost of the SCEP fee increase, then don't increase it! There haven't even been any inspections for over a year now due to COVID, so what is the reason for the increase? The department should learn to operate with less and less income, since you seem to think it's so easy for housing providers to do so.