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Washington Landlord Association
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Rental Housing Association of Washington
2414 SW Andover St d207
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RE: Discussion of Just Cause and Vacate Notice Provisions in Olympia

Thank you for the invitation to a conversation with you about the draft Just Cause and vacate notice extensions that were shared for discussion at the Olympia Land Use and Environment Committee meeting on Thursday, May 21.

At a previous meeting, Committee members had asked City staff to research other cities' approaches to these topics and provide a proposal for Committee discussion based on that research. The May 21 meeting was the first opportunity for the Committee to review a draft proposal. The staff report and a recording of the meeting can be found at <https://olympia.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

The Committee recommends a full public process to consider these important and impactful topics. All three members emphasized that the process should include facilitated listening sessions with all stakeholders. The goal of these sessions will be to fully clarify the current issues and the City's appropriate role in addressing them.

The Committee agreed on the need to wait until after restrictions on public gatherings are removed to have robust public engagement on this issue. At that time, the issues and available data will be carefully and thoroughly reviewed and discussed in a public setting. The Committee will not consider making any recommendations to the full City Council until after such a public process has occurred to inform its decision.

I look forward to the continued conversation with you during this process.

Sincerely,


Clark Gilman
Councilmember

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