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From: Amine Yakine [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 1:24 PM
To: Mayor
Cc: Ben Ewen-Campen; Lance Davis; Public Comments; All City Council
Subject: I am angry, upset and demand Rent Control/Housing justice for us The People.

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Councilors,

My name is Amine Yakine and I am a renter at [REDACTED], Somerville. I am upset and angry at the fact that we, working people who pay taxes and serve the public, can't afford housing and it's time to change things radically. The system simply doesn't work for us, the people. It does for the ruling class and the 1% who own and control power. We live in an oligarchy, plutocracy and a predatory capitalist regime with a new crisis: we have no real representatives. Democracy has no meaning when money controls everything. The worst form of illusion is the belief that one is free, when in fact we are not, there can be no political liberty when we are enslaved economically. As President FDR famously said: "Necessitous men are not free men." We can't even afford 900sqft condos let alone liberty in its true positive sense. The system doesn't work for the 99%.

I am writing to say that ***the rent control home rule petition (HRP) that has been passed out of the Legislative Matters Committee isn't strong enough*** and to ask you to pass an immediate strong rent control and demand from the state and the federal government action. I will not vote again nor support a candidate going forward who is running for local, state or federal office. I lost all faith in the political system and that's why I left the Democratic Party who serve Wall Street, the Banks, Mortgage Companies and Corporation as dutifully if not more than the Amerikaner right wing party (aka-republicans) and yes I am moving left. I am so done with this charade.

Housing is a human right not a luxury or charity from the new robber barons and their indentured political class. We are in the midst of a crisis where people deeply understand that they have no representatives and the consequences are grave.

Thanks for reading! We must speak and act on the truth, we no longer accept this unjust, unequal and oppressive reality.

Best,

Amine Yakine.

From: [Perri Sheinbaum](#)
To: [Public Comments](#); [All City Council](#)
Subject: Vote YES for Somerville rent control
Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 7:14:38 PM

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Dear City Councilors,

I am writing to ask you to vote YES to Somerville's rent control home rule petition! Somerville needs strong rent control to ensure that people can afford to stay in Somerville. Housing is a human right!

Thank you!
Perri Sheinbaum

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