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Subject: Fwd: Rental inspection fee

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Date: July 26, 2021 at 6:33:30 PM PDT
To: "Boyle, Sarah" <BoyleS@cityofmerced.org>
Subject: Rental inspection fee

Concerning the rental inspection: My first thought is you limit how much landlords can raise the rent, then you try and spend that money that we are allowed to raise the rent. You think that renters are needing help keeping their house free of mold, mice, and insects. You're going in to check if the smoke alarm is working and the life style that the renters are choosing to live. Well, you have a human being (renter) living in the house; why not just ask them rather than raise the landlord expense? If they are a good landlord and everything is good, you will charge them more for self-certification. When I have a business and the mafia comes in offering me protection for a certain amount of money, how is this different? You have humans living in the house and you can ask them about this and treat their house with respect rather than raise their costs of living by pretending to create a service that they neither want nor need in most cases. I think I need to blind copy this email to my renters to see how they feel about their cost of living going up and someone coming into their house to see how they live and getting paid \$112,000 a year.

I would love to hear your reasoning behind this added tax/extortion and please don't forget to tell me how many rental units you own.

Why do politicians think that the only humans are in government and that renters can't do anything for themselves and need saving?

If the problem is mainly with out-of-town landlords, why not deal with them directly (you have access to all their information) and leave it to the responsible landlords to continue to be responsible?

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