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This email is in OPPOSITION to 8/2/2021, Agenda Item J.1, File 21-245 – Proposed Ordinance Adding Chapter 8.52 "Rental Housing Maintenance and Inspection Code" to the Merced Municipal Code.

As currently proposed, the ordinance adds an additional layer of bureaucracy and expense for landlords that is unnecessary and will ultimately serve to increase rents. The proposed ordinance provides no exemption (as originally written) for small landlords and will impose a hardship for them. Importantly, the proposed ordinance provides no exemption or WAIVER for units already inspected annually by HUD (Section 8). Section 8 inspections are very comprehensive and city inspections of Section 8 properties would be duplicative and an unnecessary expense.

Respectfully, this proposed ordinance should be rejected as written.

Thank you.

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