

# Seattle Demands Strong Tenant Protections, Including Rent Control Without Loopholes!

Seattle is a majority renter city. From 2010 to 2018, rents rose 69%, three times the rate of inflation, and 46% of Seattle renters were rent burdened. The Covid-19 pandemic has aggravated this already dire situation, with thousands of renters accumulating debt and facing the terrifying prospect of eviction when the moratorium ends. People of color communities are being disproportionately hit. Corporate landlords have failed to make rents affordable, instead raking in profits from astronomical rent increases. Seattle rents rose 9% January to April, an annualized rate of 40%!

**Enough is enough! We urge the Seattle City Council to stand with working-class renters, marginalized communities, and struggling small businesses, and immediately adopt the following legislation from Councilmember Kshama Sawant:**

1. Residential rent control without corporate loopholes, to take effect the moment the State Legislature lifts the rent control ban.
2. Commercial rent control for small businesses - with no corporate loopholes.
3. Limit rent increases for renters by requiring landlords to provide 6 months' advance notice for any rent increase.
4. Require landlords to pay tenants relocation assistance when tenants are pushed out due to a rent increase.

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