

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I would highly encourage the council to keep in mind that both Traci Park and Hydee Feldstein Soto were heavily financed by Douglas Emmett during their respective campaigns. Any reports and communications between these officials and Douglas Emmett should be viewed with intense skepticism and scrutiny since there is a blatant conflict of interest at play here. The essential fact that I want to make sure the council never loses sight of is that even if all of the Barrington Plaza tenants are legally made whole and given sufficient payouts to find other housing, council district 11 is still at risk of losing desperately needed affordable housing stock if this building is allowed to be converted into luxury apartments with no replacement of similar affordable units. Where are seniors, disabled people, and low wage workers supposed to live in this district while this building isn't providing housing? The loss of these units has massive implications for my neighborhood, and for renters across the Westside. How will we ensure that renters in smaller buildings with similar habitability concerns do not face the same experience of being bought out of their units and forced to move not just out of their neighborhood, but out of the district entirely? This whole ordeal should be seen as a crossroads for the city, either we can agree to let giant developers buy candidates and get their way unimpeded, or we can start actually aggressively regulating corporate landlords and developers and advocating for tenants who are the majority of residents of this city.