

Hi city council my name is Terry MacBride and I am a tenant in ward 2 in the Beasley community.

In 2021 our two buildings were bought by a new landlord. All remaining tenants on floor 6 and below were told to move because of demolition of units.

My family had a 3 unit building and we had lived in the unit for 22 years

While most families moved, a small group came together to fight to stay

We organized with ACORN and went to the media and secured a meeting with the landlord and negotiated for families to be rehoused in the building for affordable rents.

While it was a relief for families , it should be a given that tenants are supported and offered new units or the right to return to their unit after the work.

Affordable family friendly housing was lost.

Now rents are going for 1,400+.

We need strong demoviction protections city wide.

Thank you.

