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Hello City Councilors & city staff, my name is Elizabeth Eliis and I have been involved with ACORN since 2018.

I am writing to support the proposed renovation license and relocation bylaw.

This will be my sixth time delegating to Council about my renoviction experience.

In the summer of 2018 a new landlord called Mallem bought 160 Sherman Ave N. My rent was \$875 for a one bedroom. Repairs, cleaning of the common areas, and pest treatment stopped. The new company made it hard to pay rent. Initially they told us that they had no plans to get rid of us but within a few months they were going door to door with money offers to bully us to move. I said no for as long as I could. But they texted me, knocked on my door, mentioned it during any unit inspections. They caught me on a bad day and I said yes and signed away my apartment. They gave me \$2500

It was almost impossible to find a new place, finally found one last week before I had to move. The new place was more expensive and in a basement with no windows and I had to get a roommate I am working now but after disclosing the buyout my OW got clawbacked.

Also up until recently 160 Sherman was completely empty but now apartments are going for \$1,515 for one bedroom. Something needs to be done to protect tenants and Hamilton's affordable housing.

Thank you for reading my delegation.