

SAMPLE LETTER TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(Date)

To: Mayor Delgleize
Dan Kalmick
Erik Peterson
Kim Carr
Mike Posey
Natalie Moser
Rhonda Bolton

I beg you to please read this letter in its entirety – do not just throw it away in the trash along with our hopes and dreams!

We need your help now! As a resident of *(name of your mobile home park)* mobile home park, I am filled with gratitude knowing that, after a lengthy discussion, the members of the City Council appointed Mobile Home Advisory Board has recommended that you should now place the carve-out to City Charter 803 on the 2022 ballot so Huntington Beach residents can decide whether or not a Rent Stabilization Ordinance should be in place for the residents of mobile home parks in Huntington Beach.

(Write verbiage here about what has happened recently to the residents of your mobile home park as a direct result of the predatory behavior of your mobile home park owner and how your residents are suffering desperately need protection from the City of HB. Talk about how residents are unable to sell because of the increases which are causing the value of your homes to plummet, and that some of your residents, whom have mortgages, are now under water will have no other choice but to abandon their homes. Add whatever else you think needs to be told. If your park hasn't been affected yet, talk about how you want protection now to prevent what is happening to so many other mobile home parks in HB from happening to you!)

The residents of our park have been offered a series of leases, all of which have egregious requirements for residents, but outrageous loopholes for the park owner. The lease can be cancelled by the owner at any time for cause or no-cause, residents must attest to the acceptable condition of the park-owner controlled facilities, the park owner can rezone community to something else, the park owner can change the terms of the agreement and can terminate the agreement at any time

PLEASE LET THE VOTERS OF HUNTINGTON BEACH MAKE THE DECISION ABOUT THE CARVE-OUT!

Signature

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Print Name

Print Name

(Your street address) Space Number _____
Huntington Beach, CA *(Your Zip Code)*

SAMPLE LETTER TO STATE REPRESENTATIVES

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To:
Assemblywoman Cottie Petre-Norris
Assemblywoman Janet Nguyen
Senator Dave Min
Senator Tom Umberg
Congresswoman Michelle Steel
Governor Gavin Newsom

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Huntington Beach has a city charter that prohibits rent stabilization ordinances (RSO) and rent control. There are 17 mobile home parks in Huntington Beach and their residents have attempted, since last summer, to convince City Council to place a measure on the November ballot that, if passed, would amend the City Charter with an exemption to the RSO ban for mobile home parks. Institutional investors donate to City Council members and, in turn, have been named to committees that influence decisions made against mobile home residents.

Even though the Kennedy Commission won a \$3.5 million lawsuit against the City of Huntington Beach for its failure to produce affordable housing for low and extremely low-income people, the City continues to focus on building homes and apartments only for affluent residents. Currently there is no available affordable housing in the City of Huntington Beach and the wait list for Section 8 for the whole of Orange County is closed indefinitely. County Section 42 housing wait lists are either closed or have a 5-10 year horizon. When we are forced out by rising rents, we will have nowhere to go!

While City officials ignore our pleas, more Huntington Beach mobile home parks have been sold to institutional investors and rents are skyrocketing. In twenty years, rents in some mobile home parks in our city have gone from \$150/month to \$2,850/month! In the last 7 years, 7 out of 17 mobile home parks have been purchased by out-of-state predatory investors who then immediately raised rents without restrictions. Just last month, the residents of one of those parks all received an annual rent increase of \$192/month! How can elderly residents possibly budget for this kind of an increase? We are told “you’ll just have to move – you’ve enjoyed life at the beach, now it’s time for you to vacate!”

Park residents have organized, working 30-40 hours per week to help our cause. We have been interviewed by the media, picketed our parks, held information meetings city wide, posted on social media and formed a coalition of residents to work together. We have written local, county, and state elected officials.

For details of some of the deliberate tactics practiced by some of our mobile home parks owners, please visit [hhps://mhphoa.com](https://mhphoa.com) as well as our coalition website at soshbmhp.net.

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