

Rosenberg Corey

From: Sarah Fitzsimmons <sarahfitz.oregon@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 4:48 PM
To: SHS Exhibits
Subject: HB 2004 - Pass this bill!

My name is Sarah Fitzsimmons, and I was the victim of a no-cause eviction.

In January 2016, my husband and I were forced to leave our basement one-bedroom apartment on SE Yamhill (for which we were paying \$1200/month, so that our landlord could turn it into an airbnb. Luckily, it was after the 90-day provision had passed, but before the relocation assistance.

We found an apartment in Woodstock, a nice one, but for \$1290 - more than we were paying. The move deleted our savings, because we didn't get any assistance, and it took some time to build it back up. We also lost the community of neighbors we had spent over 2 years building. We tried to keep in touch, but being adults, this was difficult.

Fastforward to this year: we just moved AGAIN last week, this time to Milwaukie, OR. Not because we were evicted, however, but because one of our neighbors was. We lived in a 4-plex, and the building had just been sold from a realty company to an individual. He sent us letters saying that the rent would not change. HOWEVER, he gave our only African-American neighbor a no-cause eviction. She had lived in the building for 10 years.

I wrote him an angry letter informing him that he needed to pay her the \$4200 for 2-bedroom relocation assistance money. That day my husband and I started looking for a new home, as we were losing our neighbor anyway and we did not wish to give our money to a jerk.

Now outside the city, we are paying \$1100/month for an 1100 sq. ft 2 bedroom apartment. We are happy there, but even more isolated from the people we have come to know in Portland over the years.

You are destroying the uniqueness and neighborly feeling of this city by allowing developers to have their way.

PASS THIS BILL. Or have this greed on your souls for eternity.

Sincerely,

Sarah Fitzsimmons