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To: TheRentBoard <TheRentBoard@cityofberkeley.info>

Subject: For All Berkeley Rent Board Members regarding 2425-2439 Virginia Street

dear Berkeley Rent Board,

My husband and I are long-term residents of Berkeley. I work for UC Berkeley and my husband works for LBNL.

This year, my rent increased from \$2105/month to \$3500/month.

My landlord is Jack Phillips. He owns 2425-2439 Virginia Street. He is converting the Virginia Street apartments to rental units for tourists and temporary visitors. Jack uses different websites to rent units. For example, the following profiles are for 2427 and 2429 Virginia Street:

<https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/3303357>

<https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/6260270>

<https://www.sabbaticalhomes.com/OfferedDetails.aspx?id=97752>

Jack has employed full-time maintenance staff to clean and repair his temporary rentals, which currently includes 2427, 2429, 2435-2439 Virginia.

I am disappointed with the lack of oversight from the city. Professionals can't afford to compete with temporary visitors. My husband and I will be moving, probably outside Berkeley and commuting our jobs at the University. I love this city, and I am sad to leave.

Thank you for your time, and understanding.

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In 2015, my 1 bedroom rent increased from \$2105/month to \$2900/month. I have received notice that it will be increased to \$3500/month in June, 2017.