

time you use it.”
personal gripe is the kitchen sink, a bar sink where you and the counter top get a shower each
The plumbing is touchy, the windows are drafty, and there is spotty air conditioning. My
know, is great, but the building does have problems due to wear and tear over the years.
For the past three years, life here at the Eugene Hotel has been good. The location, as you

have never been reluctant to work hard to achieve my dreams and provide for my family.
house and moved to the Eugene Hotel to live happily ever after. In short, I paid my dues. I
degree of financial security. I used my husband through his last days, eventually sold the
downsizing retired me. I married again at age 59. For the first time in my life, I enjoyed a
heath care. Being tired of being poor, I returned to information technology where I stayed until
My salary was \$2,00 a month above the poverty line which meant I lost my food stamps and
with student jobs, as a teaching assistant, and with fellowships. Finally, I got an academic job.
mother, working all the time. In 1965, I returned to college and supported myself and my son
assigned to data processing. I married, had one child, divorced, and began life as a single
college, I became as clerk at an actuarial association and fortunately got an opportunity to be
two jobs and once with three, while staying on the honor roll at school. After two years of
Marshall Fields, then to a local drugstore. I worked after school and on weekends, often with
I got my first job when I was 15 years old as a sales clerk at a local Sears' store. This led to

brief employment and educational autobiography... not whining, just facts.
issue. To avoid sounding like another old lady whining about this issue, I am presenting a
“My name is Carol Link; I live in the Eugene Hotel. I am writing to address the rent increase

To whom it may concern at DInapoli Capital Partners, Walnut Creek, California:

The following is from my letter to the new Eugene Hotel ownership asking for reconsideration of the 14% increase in rent for 2023 which I sent January 12, 2023:

Senior Citizens?

Since November, several senior residents have moved out; within the past week, four more seniors viewed by our residents as unusual and unsustainable in the future. If I face rent increases like the one this year in the future, I will have to look for more affordable housing elsewhere (if it exists)!
\$330 per month, depending on the size of the apartment. The sudden increase in rent is generally residents, about all of whom are on limited or fixed incomes, face an increase in rent from \$220 to Eugene community) had increased the rent an average of 3% per year. That means that retired that our rent had been increased to 14% in 2023. Historically, the former owners (local citizens of owners of my retirement community, the Eugene Hotel Retirement Center, notified its senior residents The reality of the affordable housing emergency grabbed my attention when the new out-of-state increase to 3% plus CPI per year or a total of 8% whichever is less here in Oregon.

My name is Carol Link and I am an 86-year-old senior retiree residing in Eugene. I strongly urge passage of SB 611, which addresses the critical need for rental stability including limiting the amount of rent

Chair Jama, Vice Chair Anderson, Members of the Committee:

Carol Link

Sincerely,

Thank you for your consideration and your public service.

I strongly urge you to pass SB 611 as quickly as possible. The sad truth is this: Either you support me

destabilize too many lives.

women, minorities and other at-needed populations constitute an unfair price for unjust laws that dispropotionally high financial burden placed on the low or fixed income, young adult and seniors.

There is no denying that the lack of affordable housing and the abrupt and

expenses far beyond an affordable range.

term their long-term residency. Two or three years of 10+% annual increases in rent can take their extreme communities where individuals on limited or fixed income have to carefully plan their long-term landlords who seek such high increases in rent annually should not be allowed to invest in senior

clients.

primarily interest rests in maximizing their own profits, not providing quality service to their senior residents. However, their silence leads me and most other residents, to believe that the owners, regional manager located in Oregon spent three hours one day several weeks ago, talking to some landlords who seek such high increases in rent annually should not be allowed to invest in senior

priceless benefit to all of us."

Eugene Hotel fund. The other is excellent relationships with the tenants, an tangible but maintenance of the building, provided that your corporation puts the money into an exclusive

concept. Moreover, it would lead to two positive changes. One is cash to improve the

double the historic rate of increase of 3%, would be much easier for the current tenants to relatively new and have many features which Eugene Hotel lacks. A 6% increase, exactly other retirement facilities in the area charge a 6% increase in rent per year. These places are

location.

The cruelest blow is my shattered dream of a safe, secure, and comfortable retirement in a good Eugene Hotel. This is a sorrowful end to our efforts to participate in the American Dream!

the funds you will receive from the Eugene Hotel will be used for the exclusive benefit of the time job and having the energy to perform it is unlikely. Furthermore, I am not at all sure that to achieve. Since all of us are older and many, if not most, are on a fixed income, finding a part rent is called for. This will impact the financial position that many of us have worked hard

"While I admit that the Eugene Hotel needs renovation, I do not agree that a 14% increase in the