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I lived at The BookMark apartments for 13 years ending November 2021. My rent was going to increase to approximately 52 percent of my monthly income. Before this occurred I attempted to contact the owner, the management company, and various leaders throughout our community to tell them that rents were a huge source of stress and anxiety especially during a pandemic when you couldn't take the chance of getting a job for fear of contamination. Our rents went up during the pandemic. There was no one to turn to for help. I finally found something less expensive after considerable effort for two years. I moved. BookMark was my home. It was very callous to increase rents when people are frightened and struggling. I am encouraging you to implement safeguards for people like me and others who suffer with more pressure than I had.

PS I am now 71 years old....