

September 27, 2012

Ignacio De La Fuente
Council President
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza 2nd Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Proposed sale of 3761 Park Village Apartments

Dear Councilman De La Fuente,

I am a tenant at 3761 Park Village Apartments. Over a year ago, you and City Attorney John Russo held a press conference at Park Village and stated your support for affordable housing for low-income seniors. You both stated that Oakland, as a progressive city, was aware of the desperate need for such housing, and that you supported the effort to preserve and increase affordable housing. You both stated that Oakland should show a true and honest commitment to acting as a positive force in the affordable housing market. Already in place, of course, is the building you visited at 3761 Park Village.

I hope that neither of you has forgotten your words and promises to work for and obtain the goal of preserving affordable housing. Now is your chance.

A nonprofit organization wants to buy 3761 Park Village Apartments, and they are looking for funding to do so. Here is the opportunity to follow up on your previous statements. What better way to put Oakland at the forefront of the fight for affordable housing? This is a chance to show once again your true and honest concern for the people of Oakland. This is also a chance for you and Mr. Russo to become known in Oakland and other cities as the ones to drive forward the movement for affordable housing.

I hope that you will do all you can to preserve the community we have at Park Village and to work for future affordable housing in Oakland. In doing so, you will establish Oakland as a city whose leaders care. Thank you in advance for any help you are able to give to this cause.

Very truly yours,

Cornelius Weekley