

I live in a large mansion in Northwest District that was converted to a multi-unit lease property many years ago. I along with 4 other tenants are currently being no cause evicted. The only thing preventing us from being evicted is the Governor's eviction moratorium.

The property I live in was recently sold by a single private owner in late fall of 2020. Official ownership was transferred to an investor group running under the LLC named "Fair Ogden". The publicly known "owners" are Jeff Wallach, Hayden Lavery and Connor McWilliams. The reason for the no cause eviction is to swiftly kick us out and renovate our 100+ year old historic Portland house into generic overpriced Airbnbs.

The owners introduced themselves via letter and have never formally introduced themselves to us in person. The "managers" who do appear on-site will not give their name they simply say they are "with management". It has become a hostile living environment with multiple counts of landlord retaliation over a period of months. October it was demolition, ridiculous amounts of construction noise, unsafe lead dust exposure. November it was power and plumbing issues, no water/sewage everyday from 7am-2pm for weeks at a time. December construction noises decreased slightly as they realized we are catching on to them being purposely negligent to coerce us to move out faster. January & February, plumbing issues still persist, "management" decides to rent out basement storage space to unvetted person (possibly a friend of owner?). To date, we are all still having power & plumbing issues. My electricity has been improperly wired in basement and possibly used to power a water heater pump, laundry, lights, etc.. It spiked +400 kWh in the month of February, right as activity in basement increased.

The right to a quiet living environment and enjoyment was completely ignored especially in Oct & Nov. All of this was happening while quarantine mandates were in effect suggesting everyone stay home. With no alternative we all had to endure the daily construction noises; smashing, drilling, grinding, pounding, sawing, loud workers, loud music, extremely late work nights etc..

The governor's moratorium on evictions has prevented these "investors" from forcing us out and because of this Fair Ogden has become increasingly aggressive in trying to make our living conditions miserable in a means to get us to move out faster. Multiple aspects of ORS 90.320 (Landlord to maintain premises in habitable condition) have been violated.

I fully support banning no cause evictions so that organizations such as Fair Ogden and the people they represent are not allowed to get away with blatant landlord retaliation and bullying tenants out of a legal valid lease. No cause evictions allow criminal like elements to get away with illegal contracting & demolition, bypassing health codes and building permits all in the name of "renovations".

Tenants should not have to resort to suing egregious landlords to demand what is fair for having their livelihood drastically effected by rapidly relocating per a no cause eviction. We all love the neighborhood here, This part of town has an amazing diverse population and community. Kicking people out of their apts/homes to build cheap Airbnbs destroys Northwest District community and Portland. Ban no cause evictions, support local neighborhoods.