

I OPPOSE [SB 611]...The communist saga of wealth redistribution...continues.

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Thousands of people pay rent to meet their housing needs. Because of several factors, the COVID-pandemic being one of them combined with rent-related eviction moratoriums, Landlords are under enormous pressure to meet their financial obligations to pay their mortgages.

Rent increases up to [14.6%] are now permitted causing severe angst in the rent paying community. Their cries of becoming "Homeless" are very real and reflect one of the cruelties of life on earth, living on the street.

Life on the street can slowly condemn human beings into horrible living conditions however; some adjust to their fate and refuse all assistance.

The underlying issue is "renters" believe they are entitled to "Housing they can afford" when in all reality the only "entitlement" they have is, "pay the rent" or "move-out and live somewhere you can afford housing."

Why should Landlords lose their investments and or suffer additional financial harms when there are many others willing and able to pay the "rent?"

For what reason(s) are Landlords compelled to pay Tenants money to relocate?

[SB 611] is a "Vote buying and extortionary conduct of elected people" to the detriment of Landlords and property owners.

[SB 611] is "wealth redistribution" the main facet of "Wokeism" or Communism as it is actually known and practiced.

There are several "tear-jerking" testimonies of those soon to be forced out of their homes due to foreseeable rent increases and their inability to meet their obligations. All of them, in one way or another prayed for government to oblige their needs at the expense of innocent other people who; worked hard, saved their money, made additional sacrifices, bought property and became prosperous, attaining the "American Dream."

Their stories are reminiscent of an old American-Indian custom when there were too many Indians living in the Tee-pee who did not hunt game, clean fish or tan hides-to satisfy their obligations to live in the Tee-pee. As the snow and rainy season came, the Chief of the Tee-pee, without saying a word, looked at those who could no longer meet their responsibilities, pointed his finger to the entrance of the Tee-pee and sadly shook his head slowly, side-to-side.

Sure, tears were shed but, the affected Indians already knew their fate. They grabbed their own small bag of Buffalo-jerky, their worn blanket and left the warmth of the Tee-pee for the cold, wet cruel environment that had been calling their names for a long, long time.

The foreseeable evictions have been coming for some time. Those who did not see rent increases coming and or refused to consider reality would exclude them are apt to suffer most. Evictions will continue and the housing marketplace is getting tighter and tighter.

Some property owners become Landlords.

Why should Landlords be made to suffer and or provide shelter for others?

As to the proposed relocation money owed to Tenants...Go Pound Salt!

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