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Honorable City Council Member  
City of Berkeley

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RE: Appeal for Reduction of RHSP fees of \$7,800 for 2033 Haste Street

I am hereby appealing the unreasonably high fees imposed upon me pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 1.24. The building at 2033 Haste Street has been professionally managed and maintained since the day I acquired it (we have many tenants who were available to testify to this fact – see attached). Many items were flagged during an impromptu yet thorough inspection of the 60 unit building. Upon notice, all were fixed in a proper, timely manner- in good faith and at a great cost to us. Our City of Berkeley Inspectors can testify to our willingness to work hard on addressing the building’s needs. These items ranged in nature from burnt out light bulbs inside the unit (which we could never have notice of) to a major restructuring of the walkway/deck supports at a cost of six months and more than \$100,000.

I have personally supervised the work on a daily basis. I have hired professionals to draw and submit plans for repairs and I have obtained all the proper permits (those fees have been paid as well). It should also be noted that I pay more than \$2000 for RHSP (housing inspection) fees annually as well. Why are we subjected to unreasonably high charges in addition to these costs? I am more than happy to have the opportunity to improve my building for the sake of our tenants, their guests, and our community. But this penalty is an unfair action against an individual who has invested his time, money, and energies into this beautiful town for over 20 years (born at Alta Bates in '69).

Please grant me relief from these fees. I am grateful for your kind consideration.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

  
Owner

# Residents in Support of the Building at 2033 Haste Street

We hereby state that this building has been professionally managed  
and maintained:

#105 APIWAT NIRATSONGVERM APIWAT NIRATSONGVERM

#117 Jennifer Melgar Jennifer Melgar

#118 Cha Thao Cha Thao

#112 Greg Fuchs Greg FUCHS

#220 ~~Arrett~~

#115 Edith Caillaud Clark

#206 Kirby Hanmel Kirby Hanmel


#213 Biswo Poudel Biswo POUDEL

#210 Stacy Fapp Stacy Fapp

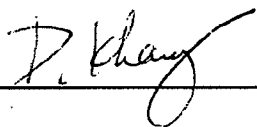
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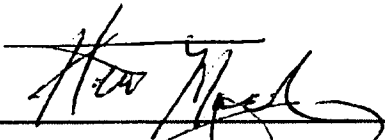
We hereby state that this building has been professionally managed  
and maintained:


# 314  JUSTIN WILLIAMS

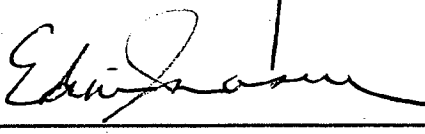
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# 106  PETER KANG

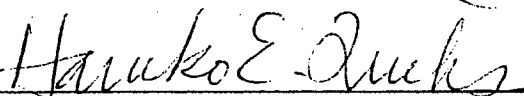
# 215  Alejandro Guzman

# 216  Herbert Manor

# 102  DANIEL ROBERTS

# 103  EDWIN IMASUEN

# 218  Chenxia Li

# 310  Hauko E Quks

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