David Lim  
San Mateo City Council  
“To me this is not an economics issue. It’s a moral issue. It’s a conscience issue. I came to support... renter protections, because I as a council member could not sit by and watch my fellow residents having their rents increased 30%, 60%, 100%. I was originally an opponent to rent control and any policies that infringed on the rights of landlords, but I came around after going out and meeting the people who were being displaced face-to-face.”

Jennifer Martinez  
Faith in Action  
“About four years ago, when we started hearing stories on the Peninsula about rent increases and evictions, it became clear quickly that with the thousands of people being evicted that building affordable housing was going to be too slow to meet their need, and too small scale to address the thousands of people who were going to be in need. So we discovered the tools of rent control and just cause for eviction, and really started advocating for that in a variety of cities.”

Leah Simon-Weisberg  
Tenants Together  
“The thing that we really need to take away [from the 2016 election] is the strength of the grassroots movements across the Bay Area. City council folks who spoke out in support of rent control and just cause evictions protections won. So, grassroots won in the Bay Area, and that’s really important going forward. And these ordinances should come from our city councils, so that’s something to take away from this in a positive way.”