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Good evening,

I read in the notes for Item #3 in tonight's agenda for your board that you will be voting to codify the management relationship with the city of Pasadena Rental Stabilization Department created at your request and the City Council's blessing in recent months.

In the agreement, your board essentially delegates the authority that the authors of Measure H intended for you to exercise. The extremely detailed provisions in the charter amendment did not once discuss creating a new city department funded by the new tax on landlords or the requirement that the city oversee spending decisions made by the rental housing board but this is what the agreement creates.

I know from attending your prior meetings that following Measure H's written rules is something that the RHB and the city council of Pasadena are claiming to follow closely as the 'will of the people' but you are now changing the 'will of the people' to pass off your own responsibility as paid board members overseeing the charter.

If the authors of Measure H wanted to create a new department and authorize them to act on your behalf, they could have added that to the wording. But they did not.

Adding additional layers of cost, complexity and systems is not fair to require be paid for by property owners in Pasadena and represents a new tax that was not authorized in the vote for a new fee with Measure H. I am concerned that the city of Pasadena will find that the expenses created by your actions will not be able to be paid for by the fee you have estimated at between \$200 and \$300 per year per rental dwelling.

Thank you,  
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