

Councilmember Matt Frumin introduces the

# Rent Stabilization Protection

Amendment Act of 2023



Councilmember Frumin introduced legislation to remove the exemption of housing vouchers from rent stabilization laws, ensuring the voucher program can thrive without jeopardizing existing rent stabilization policies. The bill, crafted in consultation with the Office of the Tenant Advocate, is one critical step in addressing DCHA landlord overpayments.



## WHAT WOULD THE RENT STABILIZATION PROTECTION AMENDMENT ACT DO?

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### Level the playing field for voucher recipients and private tenants.

The legislation ensures one form of affordable housing does not cannibalize another, strengthening rent stabilization so it can co-exist with housing vouchers.

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### Preserve housing voucher dollars.

The bill addresses routine payment of above-market rent for rent-stabilized units. This prevents continued waste of taxpayer dollars, allowing us to fund more vouchers and house additional neighbors.

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### Avoid Artificially Inflated Rents

DCHA routinely pays more than a reasonable rent, causing landlords to charge rents beyond fair market rates. This incentivizes a dangerous upward pressure on the housing market, raising costs for all renters.

"We can make the District more inclusive by protecting rent stabilization and guaranteeing that all forms of affordable housing, in every neighborhood, are accessible to voucher recipients."

-Councilmember Frumin

## Next Steps

This legislation is one critical step to ensure the voucher program and rent stabilization can co-exist. In addition to approving this legislation, Councilmember Frumin will continue to partner with the Committee on Housing to reform DCHA.

