

Sample Testimony:

1. What is your name? Which city ward do you live in? (Find out [here](#))

Hello Eugene City Council, for the record, my name is _____. I live in WARD ____ or the _____ Neighborhood. (If you had a rent increase) Recently, my rent was increased by _____ amount or _____%.

2. What is your ask of the City Council?

I'm here today to urge you to pass Eugene Renter Protections Phase 2 with Displacement Prevention Assistance.

3. What is your story? How would Displacement Prevention Assistance have helped you or your neighbors? Keep in mind, we need to get them on our side so please be respectful. Choose one or more of the following or tell your own story. Everyone's story is different, so feel free to tweak this.

Despite having a positive rental history going back _____ years, in order to get into my last apartment, I had to pay _____ dollars in a security deposit. I was told I didn't meet the requirements despite (passing a rent well class / having a great credit score) It was difficult to come up with that balance on short notice.

OR

I was no cause evicted and given 30/60/90 days to leave my home. This caused a great deal of stress to me and my family. My only source of income is _____. I was faced with coming up with 1st month's rent, last month's rent and a deposit on short notice. I was unable to do that and had to crash on a friend's couch until I could come up with the money, effectively making me homeless. Displacement prevention assistance would have equipped me with the resources to transition to another comparable rental unit instead of becoming homeless.

OR

I'm a senior on a fixed income. I was given a \$_____ rent increase. My social security only went up by \$_____. This happened to all of my neighbors as well. People are moving out and being displaced because they can no longer afford to live here. I am facing the tough choice of tightening my belt significantly, or fronting a significant amount of cash to find a more affordable place. By passing DPA, we can ensure that seniors facing a steep rent hike can afford to move to a cheaper place.

4. Finish by repeating your ask from step #2.

Please support Eugene Renter Protections Phase 2 with Displacement Prevention Assistance.

Please pass these important renter protections as soon as possible.
Thank you!