



‘Not a sustainable policy’: Salinas votes to end rent stabilization

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The Salinas City Council moved forward on repealing the city's rent stabilization and rental registration policies at its May 13 meeting.

After months of lobbying by [tenant advocates](#) and landlords, and hearing public testimony at this and previous meetings, the city council voted 5-2 to repeal, with Councilmembers Tony Barrera and Andrew Sandoval providing the two no votes.

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He later added that such policies risked "destabilizing the rental supply" and implored the city to "lean in" on facilitating more housing.

Tony Barrera, who made a failed motion that would have given the program more time said everyone could agree on the need for new housing while acknowledging the dire situation for some renters in Salinas.