

# Trusting the City Council on Rent Control is **NOT** a good idea.

VOTE  
**NO**  
**ON**  
QUESTION

**3**

November 2

## FACTS DON'T LIE

### Here is **THE TRUTH** about Question 3 & the Minneapolis City Council



**Listen to the experts,  
not the politicians.**

Rent control is **NOT** the answer to our housing problem. Economists and academic studies say that **rent control fails to reduce housing costs** and ends up **reducing the quality and quantity** of rental housing.

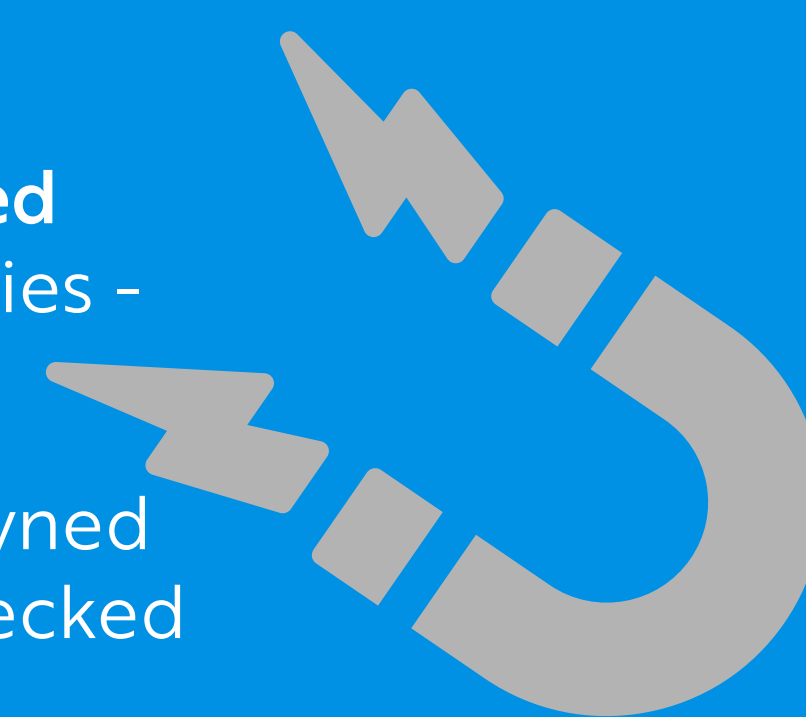
“On the merits, **there’s considerable cause for skepticism**. Among economists, rent control has long been considered a textbook example of **bad public policy**, one that messes with the smooth function of the housing market while **failing to consistently help those who really need it**.”

—Minneapolis Star Tribune Editorial Board

#### A Political Power Grab

Question 3 would give the **City Council** new, **un-checked powers to regulate rents** on private residential properties - which will **make the housing problem even worse**.

The City Council should not set pricing for privately owned property. But, Question 3 would give the council unchecked power to create rent control ordinances - **without any additional voter approval**. And no one has any idea how much a program will cost - or how it will be enforced.



#### Over 80% of COVID-19 rent relief funds have not been distributed.

In the middle of a health crisis, over 80% of COVID-19 rent relief funds have not been distributed to renters in need of help. **Direct rental assistance** would help struggling families **right now** - but instead of focusing on finding a fix for renters the City Council is trying to **seize power to regulate private property** using Question 3. Giving the City Council more power is the **wrong solution** to our housing crisis!

