

# Tenants rejected in bid for bargaining law

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An ordinance that would have required landlords to meet with tenants twice a year to discuss rent increases and other issues was rejected yesterday by the City Council.

Supporters of the legislation said it would help prevent unfair evictions by bringing both tenants and landlords together to negotiate various issues.

The vote came just two days after protestors stood in front of a Deutsche Bank office in Beacon Hill claiming the financial institution has been unfairly evicting residents of buildings in foreclosure.

"There's a policy being decided by the industry, which is saying that compromise is not an option," said Roxan McKinnon, who founded the Boston Tenant Coalition.

McKinnon called the 8-5 vote against the proposal a "tremendous failure" and "political immaturity."

City Councilor Sam Yoon, one of the five who supported the ordinance, said that he will continue to work in the "spirit of the legislation ... to bring all parties to the table to continue to look for solutions."

(Katelyn Harding contributed to this story)

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