

MEDIA ADVISORY / February 22, 2017

Contact: Cameron Herrington, 503-489-8334, cameronh@livingcully.org

Renter solidarity march in Cully neighborhood on Saturday afternoon

Residents of Normandy Apartments fighting back after new landlord issues notice to double rents on April 1

PORTLAND -- Hundreds of renters and their supporters will march through the streets of the Cully neighborhood at 12:30pm on Saturday, February 25. Marchers will call for an end to unjust rent increases and evictions.

The march will begin at the Normandy Apartments (4605 NE Killingsworth St.), and will support Normandy residents' campaign to stay in their homes in the face of a 100% rent increase planned for April 1. The march will conclude with a rally at Rigler Elementary (5401 NE Prescott St.), where some 26 Normandy children attend school.

Rep. Tawna Sanchez, who represents Cully in the state legislature, will participate in the march, along with Portland City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly.

After investors purchased the Normandy at the end of December, they immediately issued a massive rent increase notice to all 18 households. Unable to afford the higher rents and facing a rental market that would likely push them beyond city limits, the Normandy residents are fighting back.



Last week, advocacy group Living Cully sent a letter on the residents' behalf inviting the Normandy's owners to an in-person meeting to discuss rents and other issues, with the goal of ensuring residents can remain in their homes long-term.

The letter asks for a response by Thursday, February 23. News of the response and next steps in the campaign will be shared with marchers on Saturday.

###