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JAMES KILPATRICK SPEAKS OUT ON RENT CONTROL

(Berkeley, CA) – Tenants rights issues are at the forefront of news reports in the East Bay. BPOA president, James Kilpatrick was interviewed recently on his views on rent control. The California Property Owner & Farmland Protection Act is an amendment proposed to change the California constitution that would among other things, gradually phase out rent control. In the interview, James states that some people benefiting from the current system of rent control are not necessarily the low income beneficiaries targeted by the program, in fact, due to their staying put in their apartments, they may be helping to drive up the rental prices by reducing the inventory of market rate apartments. Finally, James goes on to say that current rent control beneficiaries should not worry as they would not be affected by a change in the law.

James Kilpatrick, managing broker of Kilpatrick and Company is President of the Berkeley Property Owner's Association (BPOA). As a leader and specialist in the East Bay real estate market, James Kilpatrick has been a member of the BPOA, a regular contributing writer for the monthly newsletter, and served on BPOA's Board of Directors as treasurer for the last 3 years preceding his current role as President. He also spear headed the Soft-Story Committee, providing valuable information on Soft Story buildings to the property owners and landlords effected by this imposed ordinance.

Kilpatrick also currently serves on the board of directors of RHA (Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County), and is a member of the RHO (Rental Housing Owners Group), the Investment Marketing Forum, Northern CA Regional Investment Forum, CAA (California Apartment Association) and IPMG (Investment Property Marketing Group). He regularly attends meetings of these organizations, in addition to other industry seminars and broker and investment forums. James Kilpatrick has consulted for firms such as Goldman Sachs and Wellington Management regarding the California Multi-family Brokerage investment environment.

Mr. Kilpatrick was recently recognized by the East Bay Business Times in the "40 under 40" list and Kilpatrick & Company was recognized as one of the top "25 East Bay Commercial Real Estate Firms" in 2006.

To see the interview, please click on: [KRON Rent-Control](#)

In addition, please click here: <http://www.yesonpropertyrights.com/action/petition/> to sign the petition to put the California Property Owners & Farmland Protection Act on the ballot for next year's election.

If you'd like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with James Kilpatrick, please call Doug Smith at 510/844-3651 or e-mail Doug at dsmith@kilpatrickandcompany.com