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Give council a chance

I AM SICK and tired of hearing the constant complaints about our City Council and the job it is not doing. Maybe if those who have lost their positions of power in the community would try making it work instead of tearing it down at every turn, we could move on to something better for our city. It really is a sad thing for all of us when I see black, so-called Christians, the leaders of the community, engaging in such childish and embarrassing behavior.

Their direct line to City Hall has been cut, so now they go to the slum landlords who have been ripping this community off for years with rents all out of proportion to their value. What difference does it make to them if there is rent control? Will this affect any of them?

They also said to a lot of uninformed home owners that incorporation would make them lose their homes. Now that that lie has been laid to rest, here they come with "property values being in danger of going to hell in a basket, and no one would want to move their businesses to this area." I have been in this area for 29 years. Tell me, how many jobs "for the community" did the unincorporated council bring to East Palo Alto?

I really hate this plantation mentality on the part of so-called leaders. I do believe they are afraid the new city might survive.

As to Pat Johnson's letter to the editor (Jan. 4) concerning the landlords, who represent 1,500 units of rental space, offering to match funds for affordable housing to the tune of \$45,000, why don't the landlords take that \$45,000 and renovate the fire traps already in existence?

On her final point concerning the referendum on rent control, it's too bad she did not gather the signatures at my house. They sent a young man who said he was getting signatures, not against, but for rent control!

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