Good afternoon council members and thank you for taking the time to hear my story. My name is Juliano Jima and I live council member Mark Squilla's district, 19148. I am 67 years old and a proud citizen of this country.

I first came to the United States, and Philadelphia in 1994 as a tourist and fell in love with the city. I then travel back to Switzerland and awaited my green card. Soon thereafter, I became a citizen of this country, and in doing so I swore to work hard and serve this country.

I did just that. When I first moved here, my English was not so great. I worked as a dishwasher until I learned the language and could attend school in New York. After my education, I worked as a security guard until I could save up enough to buy a taxi. I drove my taxi until 2007, when I got into an accident. As a result of this accident, I became disabled and am now unable to work.

I come to you now to share my story because my landlord has been threatening to evict me. I have no family, and nowhere to go. And this issue is one many other seniors within this city are also facing.

My monthly income is only $800. My rent is $700. This leaves me with only $100 for utilities and other expenses.

I have been waitlisted for disabled senior housing for 4 years now.

I have attempted to find alternative housing, but nothing is affordable. All landlords are seeking rent over $800 for a one bedroom! And want hefty security deposits. I have no money in saving after my bills each month to be able to provide such large amounts.

I am scared. I am worried to be on the streets. I have no one to help care for me. I am asking this council today to put some love in your hearts and to help seniors in this city, who are facing issues just like me. Help me. Help us.