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Another cause of soaring rents? Increases during tenant turnover. Even though landlords are required to list the lowest rent paid in Section G of the lease, many fail to do so or report false amounts. And since there is no registry to verify a rental unit's price history, tenants have no tools to confirm the information provided by landlords.

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