

Communication from Public

Name: IRENE RAMOS

Date Submitted: 08/27/2024 02:34 PM

Council File No: 14-0268-S18

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Irene Ramos. I am commenting on agenda item no. 2 and general comment. I live in Council District number 34 I strongly support the 7 proposed amendments to close loopholes in the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance (TAHO). Since the passage of the Tenant Anti-Harassment ordinance in August 2021, it has been nearly impossible to use the ordinance to stop harassment. I want to take my landlord to court because of the constant harassment, but the current language does not guarantee attorney fees. We want to alleviate the weight of the city on investigating cases, that way we have private attorneys to take cases. Having experienced harassment from my landlord has impacted me by refusing to make repairs, ALWAYS entered my home without permission or notice, taking pictures of my home and inside my home without permission, threatening to evict me at no fault of mine, sending employees to tell us that because they are selling the property, defamation of character, telling vendors, contractors and potential buyers and neighbors lies about us to get them against us in retaliation of us practicing our tenants rights, treating their Black/Mexican tenants less favorable than the white tenants, Coming to the property on weekends and or after 6PM, disturbing our peace, threaten tenants with the ELLIS act and much more! I now have panic attacks and anxiety since 2023 when their harassments and discrimination got worst. This is around the time they decided to sell the property, one we have lived in for over 12 yrs. without any issues on our part. We have paid rent here since 2012 and even during the pandemic continued to pay rent.

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Name: Adriana Jakobsen

Date Submitted: 08/27/2024 03:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I urge you to ensure balance is maintained in item 2 on the Housing Committee agenda. Harassment is illegal. The TAHO, established in 2021 after extensive discussion and debate, is now facing proposed amendments that are overly broad, eliminate judicial discretion, and undermine critical protections for housing providers. These changes risk categorizing lawful actions as harassment. The ordinance should not aim to increase litigation or place responsible housing providers at risk of frivolous lawsuits. Instead, it should foster communication and ensure protection for both housing providers and residents. For the past several years, housing providers have felt targeted by the city's ever-growing layers of requirements. These should not impose unreasonable burdens on responsible housing providers. The proposed changes could lead to significant and undue financial strain, increasing costs related to compliance, legal defenses, and potential penalties. This, in turn, may impact the availability and affordability of rental housing. We strongly urge you to maintain the commonsense provisions in item 2 and ensure that the TAHO does not become a vehicle for fostering a cottage industry of litigation. Support housing providers and address these critical matters.

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Name: Emmanuel Matamoros

Date Submitted: 08/28/2024 02:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in Council District 1 I strongly support the 7 proposed amendments to close loopholes in the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance (TAHO). Since the passage of the Tenant Anti-Harassment ordinance in August 2021, it has been nearly impossible to use the ordinance to stop harassment. Tenants are in need of stronger language and actual repercussions that occur to these infractions. I support many tenants as a tenant consultant in which there is constantly many situations in which landlords are not acting in good faith. Constantly pressuring tenants into needing to do everything as the landlord sees fit if not they will evict them. Sometimes tenants do not even believe that there is laws in place to support tenants and just accept anything the landlord tells them. There needs to be notices, reminders, and just to be clear the motion's goal is not to target all landlords, but actual bad actors who are engaging in clear harassment.

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Name: Manuel Mireles

Date Submitted: 08/28/2024 02:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Manuel Mireles. I am commenting on agenda item no. 2 and general comment. I live in Council District number 14. I strongly support the 7 proposed amendments to close loopholes in the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance (TAHO). Since the passage of the Tenant Anti-Harassment ordinance in August 2021, it has been nearly impossible to use the ordinance to stop harassment. I want to take my landlord to court because of the constant harassment, but the current language does not guarantee attorney fees. We want to alleviate the weight of the city on investigating cases, that way we have private attorneys to take cases.

Communication from Public

Name: Irene

Date Submitted: 08/29/2024 01:00 PM

Council File No: 14-0268-S18

Comments for Public Posting: Hell, my name is Irene I am commenting on agenda item no. 2 and general comment. I live in Council District number 34. I strongly support the 7 proposed amendments to close loopholes in the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance (TAHO). Since the passage of the Tenant Anti-Harassment ordinance in August 2021, it has been nearly impossible to use the ordinance to stop harassment. I want to take my landlord to court because of the constant harassment, but the current language does not guarantee attorney fees. We want to alleviate the weight of the city on investigating cases, that way we have private attorneys to take cases. Having experienced harassment from my landlord and the employees she hired to represent her has impacted me by them refused to repair anything, entered my home without permission or legal notice, taking pictures inside my home without legal notice or consent, sending her employees to tell us we must move out because she is selling the property, making up lies and intimating us to have us leave or evicted, changed my lease without consent, sending potential buyers to pressure us into accepting "cash for keys" and telling us if we do not accept the amount of the offers automatically decrease every time we decline them, sending her employees to tells us that if we do not accept the "cash for keys" they will get us out using the ELLIS ACT, threatened to evict us. I have so much stress and anxiety long with panic attacks every time they come to harass us at our homes. They have even stoop to a new low by telling contractors, potential buyers and neighbors lies about us to get them against us. This has cause social phycological trauma for us. The landlords and their representatives get away with harassment and illegal actions with NO CONSEQUENCES, this is why they keep doing it. My family has lived in our home for over 12 years without incident and have always paid our rent, even during the pandemic we never stopped paying. We are hardworking people, we do not disturb anyone and we mind our business. We have never given a reason for eviction and now that the landlord wants to sell its property all of a sudden they are lying and disturbing our peace to illegally evict us by using lies and intimidations and they can get away with this? I hope that my voice does not go unheard and that you can help us close the loopholes in the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance. Thank you for your attention, Irene -

A good tenant from district 34

Communication from Public

Name: Gabby Garcia

Date Submitted: 08/29/2024 05:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Gabby. I am commenting on agenda item no. 2 and within general comments. I live in Council District number 14. I strongly support the 7 proposed amendments to close loopholes in the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance (TAHO). Since the passage of the Tenant Anti-Harassment ordinance in August 2021, it has been nearly impossible to use the ordinance to stop harassment. The CAA's opposition letter raises no serious legal concerns with the amendments; it merely reflects the CAA's policy preference for a weaker TAHO to shield from accountability its landlord members, many of whom are the largest landlords and management companies in the state and have been sued for tenant harassment in Los Angeles and elsewhere.