

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/20/2023 04:51 PM

**Council File No:** 18-0610-S3

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please pass a right to counsel ordinance, and please reinstate the eviction moratorium. I am writing to express my gratitude for your hard work and dedication in passing new legislation that supports tenants in our city. Your efforts are truly appreciated and have provided much-needed relief for many families. However, while the new legislation is a step in the right direction, I believe that it is not enough to fully address the challenges that tenants face in our city. One of the most pressing issues is the high cost of rent, which continues to rise, making it increasingly difficult for working families to make ends meet. Rent costs are rising faster than wages, making it impossible for many families to afford decent housing. High rent costs are driving many families into poverty, creating a cycle of hardship that is difficult to break. Many families are being forced to choose between paying rent and meeting other basic needs like food, healthcare, and education. The pandemic has made it clear that eviction protections are essential to keeping families stable, and we must ensure that families are not at risk of losing their homes during these difficult times. Finally, I urge you to consider putting a permanent moratorium on Ellis Act evictions. These types of evictions disproportionately affect low-income families, the disabled, and seniors, and they should not be allowed to continue. Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cynthia Clemons

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Cynthia Clemons from Mid City and I am writing in support of Item 54-A, the resolution to expand tenant protections across LA County, though not nearly enough, to prevent homelessness during the declared state of emergency. I firmly believe that housing is a HUMAN RIGHT and should not be the subject of power clashes among human beings to the detriment of others. I support the Board in continuing to do everything in its power to keep LA residents from falling into homelessness by expanding renter protections, stopping exorbitant rent increases, strengthening accessible tenant rights education and eviction mediation to a point beyond subjectivity. I also somewhat applaud Supervisors Horvath and Solis for supporting the expansion of tenant protections in incorporated cities, which will ensure that our region continues to support tenants in crisis after the local homelessness emergency has been declared over. Thank you for your leadership and your commitment thus far to protecting the most vulnerable tenants in our region.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** edna monroy

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Edna Monroy, I am a tenant and I live in District 10. I want to thank Councilmembers Raman and Blumenfield for introducing the motion to establish Right to Counsel. As a renter, I want to strongly urge you to support a Right to Counsel ordinance. Eviction court will never be equitable as long as landlords are almost always represented by an attorney but fewer than 10% of tenants have legal representation. A Right to Counsel would create a more level playing field for tenants and landlords in court. It also saves taxpayers money, because it will reduce and prevent illegal and unjust evictions and homelessness. The pandemic has significantly affected my living situation and I am facing eviction because tenants cannot afford to pay their rent, stay housed, healthy and off the streets. Tenants like myself are getting evicted and do not have the right to legal representation. No one should EVER be evicted without legal representation or go to court alone. We ask that you move a Right to Counsel Ordinance forward in order to keep as many Angelenos as possible from falling into homelessness. Thank you.