

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Salma. I am a tenant, and I live in Wilmington, district 15. I am here to urge you to amend the Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance to stop evictions for substantial remodels and vote yes on an urgency ordinance to stop the surge of these evictions now. In the early 2000s, Los Angeles saw a surge in evictions for renovation work and quickly amended its Rent Stabilization Ordinance to remove renovations as a basis for eviction. Now we are seeing another surge, this time in properties not covered by the RSO. I ask that you extend these same eviction protections to all renters in Los Angeles. No one should lose their home because their landlord decides to renovate or remodel, especially if the landlord intends to flip the unit and rent it out at a higher rate. This tactic both displaces community members and reduces the city's already insufficient affordable housing stock. Instead, landlords should have to comply with city programs to temporarily relocate tenants and guarantee their right to return. All Angelenos deserve to live in healthy homes without fear of eviction and displacement. I urge you to join with the many other cities in Los Angeles County that have closed the "renovictions loophole" by amending the Just Cause Ordinance to stop evictions for substantial remodels.