

Communication from Public

Name: Megan

Date Submitted: 01/26/2025 04:40 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S16

Comments for Public Posting: I support the rent freeze and eviction moratorium

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Name: Ashley

Date Submitted: 01/28/2025 10:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: NO on Item 15. Small mom and pop property owners have yet to recover from losses through COVID eviction and rent freezes and it would be unjust for them to take the fall again in zones where the fire hasn't effected residency.

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Name: Trina

Date Submitted: 01/28/2025 03:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Housing should be for everyone, especially during this time when most Americans can't afford it. As landlord greed raises housing costs and evictions continue, our city must ensure that the people in this city can live and work to provide for themselves and the community.

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Name: 25-0006-S16

Date Submitted: 01/28/2025 03:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Karen . I'm from SAJE and I live in Los Angeles CD9. I'd like to comment on item 15 and general public comment. I urge the Council to vote yes on item 15 as written. The wildfires have devastated our communities, and tenants who were already facing unaffordable rent and persistent rent burden are now more vulnerable than ever to displacement. Thousands of people have lost their homes, their neighborhoods, and their jobs. Price gouging has also been out of control as a result of these fires, worsening our affordability crisis. According to a recent report by The Rent Brigade, rent-gouging has surged by over 5,000% from January 7 to January 18. Landlords and agents are illegally overcharging renters by \$7.7 million per month, amounting to \$92.4 million annually above the legal limit. Small businesses are being affected indirectly by lost in clients shopping and slower foot traffic to open businesses. This affecting small businesses because they are not selling so it's making it hard for them to make the money for rent. LA City must pause evictions and rent increases to help people struggling to pay rent after losing their income and prevent further displacement and homelessness caused by the fires. Tenants are trying to recover from these wildfires, and cannot face the threat of losing their homes. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa G

Date Submitted: 01/28/2025 04:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Vote yes for item 15 Landlords are increasing our rents illegally, evicting tenants, displacing residents. Freeze our rents!! For all of us!! Not just rent control housing. We all deserve to live at peace without worrying about our landlord increasing our rent or evicting us Freeze our rents and start working on a new rent control ordinance that protects ALL TENANTS

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Name: Blythe Scott

Date Submitted: 01/28/2025 05:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Blythe Scott. I work at a hotel in Hollywood, and I live in Hollywood, CA. I am calling in support of Item 15 on Wednesday's Council Agenda that would provide a one year rent freeze and eviction protections to renters. I urge the Council to vote yes on item 15 as written and with NO amendments. The wildfires have devastated our communities, and tenants who were already facing unaffordable rent and persistent rent burden are now more vulnerable than ever to displacement. Thousands of people have lost their homes, their neighborhoods, and their jobs. Price gouging has also been out of control as a result of these fires, worsening our affordability crisis. According to a recent report by The Rent Brigade, rent-gouging has surged by over 5,000% from January 7 to January 18. Landlords and agents are illegally overcharging renters by \$7.7 million per month, amounting to \$92.4 million annually above the legal limit. I currently work at a prominent LA hotel, I am a server and bartender at one of their restaurant outlets. Really I'm an out-of-work actor, and have always thought of serving as the 'stable, secure' job. It's been a rude awakening lately to learn that is not the case. While we do get a bit of foot traffic, our doors are predominantly kept open by tourists staying in the hotel choosing to dine with us. Current occupancy of the hotel has hovered around 25% since the fires. I have worked there for 3 years and not seen our occupancy so low. As a wage +tips employee, I rely on tips to make ends meet. I cannot pay my rent and bills when there is no one dining with us to tip us. Further, our hours get cut and we get sent home early when it is slow, which is everyday. All of my coworkers and I get 2 shifts a week when we used to get 5. I have rarely ever had only one job; I supplement the hours I get--which have been decimated as of late--with 2nd and 3rd jobs. I have been pounding the pavement to get a second job, but no one is hiring after the fires, on top of January already being the start of the slow season. The holiday season at the hotel was also very dry; I pick up shifts there as a banquet server for special events. I am used to company holiday parties and film premiere afterparties keeping me afloat in November and December. It used to be typical to have 3 to 4 events per week for both of those months. I worked 4 events total across those 2 months this year. I worked a pop-up bar for the month of December, and am grateful

that doing so kept me off the street. The fires have exacerbated an already difficult financial time for those of us trying to live and work in LA. I applied for food stamps last week, and due to President Trump's freeze on federal grants and loans, I'm not hopeful I will be approved for this essential assistance. Further, my building's rent is set to increase from \$1484 to \$1571 on February 1st. I don't know how I am going to afford this, as last week's paycheck was \$209, and this week promises to be more of the same.. All I can do is cross my fingers that my tax return deposits in time for me to make piecemeal payments, as federal and state returns are separate. And pay a late fee I will inevitably incur, one that I cannot afford. LA City must pause evictions and rent increases to help people struggling to pay rent after losing their income and prevent further displacement and homelessness caused by the fires. Tenants are trying to recover from these wildfires, and cannot face the threat of losing their homes. Thank you.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 01/28/2025 08:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposed rent freezes and eviction moratoriums in Los Angeles. These policies will bring desperately needed housing development to a halt, worsening our already dire housing crisis. If we want more affordable housing, we cannot continue enacting measures that punish housing providers and disincentivize investment in rental properties. This motion is not just bad policy—it is a clear conflict of interest for the renters on the council voting on it, and it amounts to an illegal taking of property. Property owners have already shouldered the burden of nearly five years of COVID-era rent freezes and eviction bans, all while facing record inflation and rising operating costs. Mom-and-pop landlords, who provide a significant portion of LA's rental housing, cannot sustain these losses any longer. Policies like this will stop landlords from renting altogether, further reducing the housing supply and leading to long-term rent increases citywide. Additionally, California already has a statewide anti-gouging ordinance, ensuring fair protections for renters while still allowing for reasonable rent adjustments. There is no justification for yet another extreme measure that disproportionately harms landlords and discourages future housing development. Los Angeles must focus on real solutions—streamlining housing development, incentivizing new construction, and expanding targeted rental assistance for those truly in need. Broad rent freezes and eviction moratoriums are reactionary, economically destructive, and ultimately make housing more expensive for everyone.

Communication from Public

Name: Edie B

Date Submitted: 01/29/2025 06:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Vote yes on 2025 Windstorm and Fire Recovery Agenda Item 15 for the sake of all the people in our Los Angeles community. Agenda Item 15 is vital to protect people from more devastation in the wake of a devastating event. One thing Agenda 15 will do is allow displaced fire victims to obtain housing and remain housed, while protecting everyone from investment property owners who would use this as an opportunity to exploit and price gouge in what is already a housing crisis. Agenda Item 15 also ensures that existing laws and tenant protections are enforced.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Ganata

Date Submitted: 01/29/2025 10:37 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jennifer Ganata . I work with Communities for a Better Environment, an environmental justice organization that works both in LA County and LA City. I am also a tenant in a rent control unit in East Hollywood, where I have resided for the last 13 years. At CBE we understand the connection between housing justice and environmental justice. The fires have impacted the entire region and impacted many people's physical and economic stability. I am urging City Council to ensure a one year rent freeze and eviction protections to renters. I urge the Council to vote yes on item 15 as written and with NO amendments. The wildfires have devastated our communities, and tenants who were already facing unaffordable rent and persistent rent burden are now more vulnerable than ever to displacement. Thousands of people have lost their homes, their neighborhoods, and their jobs. Price gouging has also been out of control as a result of these fires, worsening our affordability crisis. According to a recent report by The Rent Brigade, rent-gouging has surged by over 5,000% from January 7 to January 18. Landlords and agents are illegally overcharging renters by \$7.7 million per month, amounting to \$92.4 million annually above the legal limit.

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Name: James Gilb

Date Submitted: 01/29/2025 10:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I implore the city council to reject this proposal. Los Angeles small landlords need an opportunity to catch up after the recent 4-year eviction and rent freeze that took place as a result of COVID LOCKDOWNS PLEASE VOTE NO ON ANOTHER RENT FREEZE AND EVICTION MORATORIUM