

Communication from Public

Name: Angela Birdsong

Date Submitted: 08/07/2024 12:13 PM

Council File No: 18-0610-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Angela Birdsong and I am a housing rights organizer for Los Angeles Community Action Network better known as LA CAN. I work in Council District 14, and I reside in the city of Inglewood, a close neighbor of the city of Los Angeles. I am here to urge LA city leaders to address some important issues impacting tenants such as amending the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance, amending the draft Right to Counsel ordinance, and releasing the United to House LA (ULA) funds to materially support tenants in need. A lot of time has passed since the last Housing and Homelessness committee met and tenants cannot afford more delays. Anyone who takes the housing crisis seriously—which is a crisis of housing affordability, housing availability, and poverty—must speak and act from a moral place, not a politically convenient place, to keep people in their homes, to prioritize permanent housing, and to stop using criminalization to hide poverty, erase people and cause a city wide genocide. I strongly support the 7 proposed amendments to close loopholes in the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance (TAHO). I also strongly support a codified Right to Counsel ordinance, with key amendments that need to be made to the draft. Motion 18 erases our fellow human beings. Let's move towards a future of care, towards hope, towards house keys not handcuffs. Thank you

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Name: Zella Knight

Date Submitted: 08/07/2024 12:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good Afternoon, as a tenant with lived experience of evictions and the inequities that create implicit and explicit bias which are contributing to the justice gap in eviction and eviction defense data. It is important to maintain a equalized playfield that provides justice for all stakeholders, especially tenant. As one with lived experience of housing insecurity, I strongly urge that the plan return back to Right to Counsel for tenant. Protecting tenants is a responsibility just as there are protections for landlords property owners etc. Tenants matter. Ending the justice gaps includes all what has been described.

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Name: Amy Nevarez

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Amy Nevarez. I am a renter, and I live in CD#8. I am here to urge city leaders to address some important issues impacting tenants such as amending the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance, amending the draft Right to Counsel ordinance, and releasing the United to House LA (ULA) funds to materially support tenants in need. A lot of time has passed since the last Housing and Homelessness committee met and tenants cannot afford more delays. 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 also strongly support a codified Right to Counsel ordinance, with key amendments that need to be made to the draft. We call for Tenants Right to Counsel to be included in the title and throughout the ordinance so it aligns with City Council motion directives. We need clear definitions around which tenants are eligible and a zip code based model, and when to seek legal representation so tenants can connect to Stay Housed LA. We also ask for added language so that landlords post notice of Right to Counsel in common areas.

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Name: EDNA MONROY

Date Submitted: 08/07/2024 02:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Edna Monroy, i am a renter, and I live in council district 10. I am here to urge city leaders to address some important issues impacting tenants such as amending the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance, amending the draft Right to Counsel ordinance, and releasing the United to House LA (ULA) funds to materially support tenants in need. A lot of time has passed since the last Housing and Homelessness committee met and tenants cannot afford more delays. 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 also strongly support a codified Right to Counsel ordinance, with key amendments that need to be made to the draft. We call for Tenants Right to Counsel to be included in the title and throughout the ordinance so it aligns with City Council motion directives. We need clear definitions around which tenants are eligible and a zip code based model, and when to seek legal representation so tenants can connect to Stay Housed LA. We also ask for added language so that landlords post notice of Right to Counsel in common areas.

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Name: Griffin Hatlestad

Date Submitted: 08/07/2024 11:50 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Griffin Hatlestad and I am a renter in CD14. I'm writing to urge you to codify a Right to Counsel in Los Angeles, including the key amendments recommended by the Right to Counsel coalition. These amendments would make this a true right to counsel for qualified tenants, and would allow outreach and education for the program to be administered through existing scaled-up systems via Stay Housed LA. They would also require landlords to post notice of the right to counsel so that tenants are informed of their rights immediately.

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Name: Jeffrey Palmer

Date Submitted: 08/07/2024 09:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: First, the tenant should need to show some financial inability.
Second, the program should only be used if evidence of bad faith by the housing provider exists.

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Name: Jeffrey Palmer

Date Submitted: 08/07/2024 09:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: First , this should be use for tenants who cannot afford counsel.
Second, it should only be used where the is evidence of bad faith.
Third, the program should be available for housing providers on
the same criteria

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/07/2024 10:41 AM

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