

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Cinthia Gonzalez. I am commenting on agenda item no. 2 and general comment. I live in Council District number 14th. 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 of many Angelenos in Los Angeles. With a stronger amendments we are guaranteed a better way to keep landlords accountable for their constant harassment that has caused many tenants like my sister to self evict. Because the current TAHO does not have enough teeth to hold accountable landlords who continue to harass tenants we need stronger amendments now. My sister was harassed to the point of self eviction after the landlord refused to make any fixes to her apartment. She was forced to make reparations on her own until she couldn't keep up with the maintenance and constant harassment from the landlord violating her privacy. I'd like to point out that 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. We urge you to help keep tenants housed in LA with stronger TAHO amendments.