

Communication from Public

Name: Carlos Gonzalez

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Carlos Gonzalez. I am a renter, and I live in South Central, Council District 2. 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. We need our electeds to commit to addressing this, starting with but not limited to requesting a report back on possible solutions to address pending rent debt. If we do nothing, the debt will lead to more evictions and homelessness.

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Name: Lizette Hernandez

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing on behalf of LA Community Action Network in support of the proposed amendments to close loopholes in the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance (TAHO) in order to protect Los Angeles' most vulnerable residents. Since the passage of the Tenant Anti-Harassment ordinance in August 2021, it has been difficult to use the ordinance to stop harassment because abuse by landlords is still rampant. Also, due to the increase in rents that land owners have been allowed to do, more residents are in rent debt, which in turn has also become a harassment problem. And even if tenants can pay current rent, landlords are doing everything they can to evict people. They ignore important repairs even if tenants are senior citizens, have disabilities or have other vulnerabilities. Landlords or their staff far too often take it upon themselves to illegally enter units, with little to no notice in addition to leaving threatening notes on doors. Verbal intimidation of tenants with eviction and sometimes physical harm is also not uncommon. We ask you to make the necessary amendments to eliminate the possibility of these unwarranted harassment trends. Thank you for your consideration. ~Lizette Hernandez, Organizing Director