

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 03/05/2025 03:43 PM

Council File No: 24-1225

Comments for Public Posting: I am a tenant writing on Agenda Item #20. Please support the temporary ordinance to end renovictions. Hundreds of families have been displaced due to renovation work. This is a really urgent problem that the City Council already unanimously agreed to put an end to, and today Council has the power to make good on that promise. Additionally, I am calling on the City Council to make sure the City Attorney and Housing Department follow through on their report back as soon as possible. We cannot allow this temporary ordinance to expire without a permanent ordinance in place. There is no reason anyone should lose their home due to renovation work, especially when their landlord is doing it with the purpose of flipping the unit and renting it out for more money. Please vote yes on Agenda Item #20.

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Name: Samantha Aguilar

Date Submitted: 03/06/2025 09:38 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Sam Aguilar. I am a constituent of Council district 14 and I am writing to urge City Council to vote YES to end “substantial remodel” evictions immediately, with amendments to apply these protections to pending cases, and to extend the interim ordinance to August. This would help support Mohawk Street tenants, who are families and elders with deep roots in the community, who have continued to advocate against their mistreatment and unjust eviction cases. Substantial remodel evictions hurt our communities by providing loopholes for greedy landlords to evict long time residents and disrupt communities.

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Name: Isaac D

Date Submitted: 03/06/2025 05:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Isaac, I am a resident of Los Angeles and a member of the Los Angeles Tenants Union (East Hollywood Local). Regarding agenda item #18, I strongly urge City Council to vote YES to end “substantial remodel” evictions immediately, with amendments to apply these protections to pending cases, and to extend the interim ordinance to August. These protections are paramount to protect the people living in this city, such as the Mohawk Tenants, who are fighting displacement from their longtime homes. The LA City Council has a duty to represent the PEOPLE of Los Angeles, and not the profits of developers and landlords. Please vote in accordance with this principle, it is but a small piece of working to create a city that is by and for its residents. Thank you, Isaac

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Name: Marlene Guerrero

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Marlene and I am a tenant in Los Angeles speaking on agenda item #18. I urge city council to vote YES on ending “substantial remodel” evictions immediately, with amendments that apply protections to pending cases, and to extend the interim ordinance to August. I stand in solidarity with the Mohawk Street Tenants who are currently fighting their 3rd round of evictions after having won their previous eviction cases. With the current lack of tenant protections, even case wins do not prevent housing insecurity. Landlords serve new eviction notices, perpetually dragging cases out in court. Landlords are exploiting current legal loopholes in order to continually threaten the housing of tenants. It is unjust, cruel, and exacerbates the current housing problem in Los Angeles. “Substantial remodel” evictions must stop, end renovations now.

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Name: Rose Fairley

Date Submitted: 03/06/2025 07:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to voice my support for permanently ending the substantial renovation loophole and applying the ordinance retroactively. Almost four months since LA City Council unanimously mandated the end of “renovictions” with urgency, City Attorney Hydee Feldstein-Soto has finally written an ordinance – only after giving landlords a few months to file their evictions, first. I have been organizing with the Mohawk Street Tenant Association who preparing to fight their THIRD round of evictions in court – made possible by the City Attorney’s procrastination. Their landlord is attempting to use this law to displace longtime tenants, including elders, for profit. Exploitations of this loophole are destroying the fabric of our communities, displacing families and driving up homelessness, chronic illness and death. End renovictions FOR GOOD: This “interim” ordinance expires in June 2025, which is just a few months away. These temporary protections must be extended until the permanent ordinance goes into place, to ensure there are no gaps in protections. I support the amendment to apply the ordinance to tenants with pending eviction cases: The ordinance must be amended to apply retroactively. There is no legal justification for excluding these tenants from protections after the City dragged their feet and allowed landlords to exploit the substantial remodel loophole one more time. If City Council is in fact serious about addressing the twin crises of housing and homelessness in this city, they must stop fraudulent evictions and close these loopholes. They can start now by passing this amended ordinance to end renovation evictions.