

Communication from Public

Name: Catalina Romo Paxcle

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Comments for Public Posting: I work in Stay Housed LA's Outreach and Education and I see first hand the need for all the amendments for the Right to Counsel ordinance. I strongly support a codified Right to Counsel ordinance. I am also here to support all of the amendments passed by the Housing and Homeless Committee members last month. We call on the City Attorney's Office to also fix the declaration of purpose so it is in line with Council directives to draft a Right to Counsel Ordinance. Lastly, I'd like to thank all the Councilmembers who have already voted yes to advance a Right to Counsel Ordinance. I also want to thank Councilmember Raman for your leadership on this critical issue.

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Name: Shane Henson

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Shane Henson, and I am giving a general public comment in support of Right to Counsel. I am a legal aid attorney, and public policy advocate, with the non-profit Inner City Law Center. As an attorney who works in eviction defense, I know how important it is to people when they are being evicted that they have an attorney representing them. Someone who is in their corner, that they can trust, and that will fight for them as they risk the loss of their home. Inner City Law Center strongly supports a codified Right to Counsel ordinance. I am also here to support all of the amendments passed by the Housing and Homeless Committee members last month. We call on the City Attorney's Office to also fix the declaration of purpose so it is in line with Council directives to draft a Right to Counsel Ordinance. Lastly, I'd like to thank all the Councilmembers who have already voted yes to advance a Right to Counsel Ordinance. I also want to thank Councilmember Raman for your leadership on this critical issue.