

Communication from Public

Name: Marquis

Date Submitted: 11/08/2023 09:10 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Raising the rent controlled rate more than 4-6% is going to be a big blow to so many of us that are in units we can already barely afford. That will likely create an over \$200/month expense, >\$2400/year....that would be coming from groceries, debt, savings (if any). Any raise in these already excessive rental rates is just blood from stones. It is painful for us low income Angelenos. If the City Council has any sway please help keep us houses by minimizing the amount rent controlled units can raise their rent. Inflation is killing us, please don't contribute to it further.

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Name: Michael

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Michael Shaw. I am a tenant and I live in CD11. I am here to urge you to support a 6 month extension of the rent freeze for units subject to the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (LARSO). As with many renters, an allowable rent increase will make it difficult for me to make ends meet. The City's rent freeze kept thousands of low-income rent stabilized tenants securely housed during the pandemic. These tenants cannot afford a huge rent increase when the current rent freeze expires in February. The problem of some mom and pop landlords struggling with their property maintenance costs shouldn't fall on the shoulders of tenants who can't afford a 2ssssrent increase. The City of LA's permanent RSO rent increase formula must be amended to align with the lower RSO formulas in other cities. Utilities should never be included in the rent increase formula. Allowing landlords to raise rents by an arbitrary amount because they provide utilities, without considering the actual cost of those utilities, whether they are provided individually or collectively, and the many resources available to improve efficiency and reduce consumption will compound the challenges of tenants. Allowing rent increases based on utilities will also make the policy difficult to administer and enforce, and frustrate our ongoing efforts to address climate change in an equitable manner by undermining incentives for landlords to address energy efficiency in buildings. While the City waits for the RSO formula study to come back with recommendations, it cannot allow thousands of tenants to endure up to a 6% rent hike. A 6% rent increase is not much better than what the formula was going to be without the Council's action today. It would still lead to substantial displacement and eviction, and likely drive an increase in homelessness. Rather than allow a 6% increase, the Council should keep the rent freeze in place until the permanent study comes back.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathryn P.

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Kathryn Pope. I am a tenant (or elected official) and I live in Council District 11. I am here to urge you to support a 6 month extension of the rent freeze for units subject to the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (LARSO). - The City's rent freeze kept thousands of low-income rent-stabilized tenants securely housed during the pandemic. These tenants cannot afford a huge rent increase when the current rent freeze expires in February. - The problem of some mom-and-pop landlords struggling with their property maintenance cost shouldn't fall on the shoulders of tenants who can't afford a rent increase. - The City of LA's permanent RSO rent increase formula must be amended to align with the lower RSO formulas in other cities. - Utilities should never be included in the rent increase formula. Allowing landlords to raise rents by an arbitrary amount because they provide utilities, without considering the actual cost of those utilities, whether they are provided individually or collectively, and the many resources available to improve efficiency and reduce consumption will compound the challenges of tenants. - Allowing rent increases based on utilities will also make the policy difficult to administer and enforce, and frustrate our ongoing efforts to address climate change in an equitable manner by undermining incentives for landlords to address energy efficiency in buildings. - While the City waits for the RSO formula study to come back with recommendations, it cannot allow thousands of tenants to endure up to a 6% rent hike. - A 6% rent increase is not much better than what the formula was going to be without the Council's action today. It would still lead to substantial displacement and eviction, and likely drive an increase in homelessness. - Rather than allow a 6% increase, the Council should keep the rent freeze in place until the permanent study comes back. We live in a rent-stabilized unit. As the cost of living has increased exponentially, our salaries have not kept up. The only reason we are able to stay in Los Angeles is because of the security of a rent-stabilized unit. If changes are made to this system, we may have to leave our home and community to find another city or state, where we can afford to live. Please consider issues like this when creating policies. Over 70% of Angelinos are renters. Please do not allow the financial interests of the 30% who own property in this incredibly expensive city to outweigh the

survival of 70% of your neighbors and voters. Thank you.