

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Vote YES to finalize the Tenant-Anti-Harassment ordinance updates. We need a TAHO that works as intended to keep tenants housed and protected!

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Name: Val

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge every City Council member to vote YES on agenda item 26. We need a robust, effective ordinance that truly protects tenants. A special thank you to Councilmember Ramon for leading the charge and to all those who have supported these crucial amendments. Please recommit to voting YES on a stronger ordinance that ensures our community members stay housed and secure. I've personally experienced the harm that comes when landlords feel emboldened by weak enforcement. The RSO housing unit I live in was recently sold, and the new owner has repeatedly tried to coerce me to accept his cash-for-keys offer. At one point, he even falsely claimed he was moving in with a family member. I spoke with an attorney a week before my move-out date—who urged me to challenge the “moving in a family member” claim and advised me to fight back. Their counsel didn't come cheap, but it helped me stay put. Without it, I'd have been forced out of my home and ripped from the community I've worked so hard to be a part of. It is exhausting being on the receiving end of landlord harassment. We need to get tougher tenant harassment protection laws. We need a more robust system in place that will discourage landlords from harassing their tenants. Thank you!