

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of LA Community Action Network, I support key amendments that need to be made to the draft RTC Ordinance. 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. There are far too many vulnerable residents who need this process streamlined and improved to protect them and their families from houselessness and poverty. Due to our broken system and policies which need improvement, RTC is more important than ever. Under LARSO for example and as it stands, landlords can raise the rent 10% for each additional occupant after a first-born child. This is on top of the annual increase and utility bump. So, if you had your sick parents move in, your landlord could increase your rent by 26% (10% for additional occupant x 2 + 4% annual increase + 2% for utilities). While some in our city may not understand this, an increase of over a hundred dollars of rent is financially devastating for workers living paycheck to paycheck and for people who cannot work (due to disability for example). There is so much displacement happening across our city and strong rent caps are the only thing keeping many of our elders and single parents housed. We need to double down on protecting the most vulnerable with an effective and improved RTC policy and accompanying implementation team. Also, please let the record show that LACAN has historically worked on this issue for years and want more from our city in terms of humanizing the lack of living conditions and/or expensive living conditions for Angelenxs. With the impending Olympics in 2028, which many of us wish to enjoy, we do not feel it is justified to host it at the expense of our city's most vulnerable tenants. We need to make systemic changes that work now, so we are not left with a criminalizing set of institutions that will further brutalize the mostly BIPOC residents of LA. There is no honor in incarcerating the unhoused of LA when we live in a sea of wealth. The failure of these policies will go down in history as anti-Black and anti-Indigenous if we do not implement them as if we truly care

about all Angelenxs. We must do better. Much respect and thank
you for your consideration, ~Lizette Hernandez, Organizing
Director