

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Jasmine Gonzalez. I am discussing Items #8 and giving general public comment in support of Right to Counsel. I am a renter, and I strongly support a codified Right to Counsel ordinance, as it is drafted. Right to Counsel in other cities across the nation has proven to save the City money, prevent homelessness, and reduce the number of evictions. I also want to thank Councilmember Raman for your leadership on this critical issue. Not having legal representation has impacted me and my family more than once directly. On one occasion, my brother's ceiling caved in because of a bursted water pipe but instead of paying for his temporary stay and damaged belongings, his landlords evicted him and he couldn't afford an attorney. I'm sure you can imagine how badly we all felt. Please let's put an end to these unfair and sad situations. I urge all City Councilmembers to vote yes on the RTC ordinance today. Thank you