

Communication from Public

Name: Erica Vasquez

Date Submitted: 11/01/2023 11:43 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Erica Vasquez . I am a tenant and I live in LA County. I am here to urge you to vote yes on Items 2, 3 and 4 to make eviction data transparent and improve the city's code enforcement process for rental housing units. Too often, tenants have not been able to get repairs done quickly after code enforcement inspections. And when landlords do make repairs, tenants are displaced to temporary housing or are forced to live with disruptive construction. In addition, even programs like REAP fail to achieve timely compliance from landlords and the quality repairs tenants deserve.

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Name: Julie
Date Submitted: 11/01/2023 01:46 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Julie. I am a tenant and I live in the City of Los Angeles. I am here to urge you to vote yes on Items 2, 3 and 4 to make eviction data transparent and improve the city's code enforcement process for rental housing units. Tenants are either not getting repairs done quickly after code enforcement inspections, or are getting lack-luster repairs done by non contractors and no overseeing managers, where repairs and renovations end up almost killing tenants in adjacent units. And when landlords do make repairs, tenants are displaced to temporary housing - and that is if they are lucky - or are forced to live with disruptive construction that does not let one even think to themselves, up to and including construction starting before 8 am and going past 9 pm, including Sundays. In addition, even programs like REAP fail to achieve timely compliance from landlords and the quality repairs tenants deserve. There is non-stop retaliation by landlords for reporting the above to LAHD, up to and including false lawsuits just to get tenants away from earning money and causing undue distress on them. Removing mature trees, compromising contracted parking spots, rude comments made by apartment managers, false noise violations, pinning mentally ill tenants against calm, quiet, reserved tenants, the list goes on..... Having to live in a unit that needs repairs and is not up to code has affected me. I literally had no gas for over a year and thus no heat - ended up with pneumonia twice, with the second time being resistant to antibiotics, thus having to take a much stronger antibiotic than is typically necessary. LAHD instructed the investor who bought the building to connect heat to my apartment, and they refused to do so for a year until LAHD gave them a two day notice to act. They were also harassing me with no end and no boundaries, until they put me into a wrongful eviction and dragged me through court for several months. I could write a book here but I will stop at this point. If anyone would like to reach out to me for more information, please email me at the jewelbaxndaisy@gmail.com. This needs to stop. I contributed way too much over the course of my lifetime, as well as my predecessors, to Los Angeles, to all of a sudden be treated like this by greedy landlords, who do not know how to create investment value, so they instead resort to being slum lords who circumvent laws in order to make a

immense profits. This is inhumane, and I am astonished that nothing has been done about this already.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/02/2023 02:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA Housing Committee, I am extremely upset that the council is deliberating to extend the rent freeze. Our expenses continue to increase. Vendors such as plumbers, gardeners, painters, etc. plus utilities, interest rates and taxes continue to increase. We as property owners must maintain our buildings to high standards. Tenants damage our property, fences deteriorate, paint chips, appliances require repair or replacement, water heaters need maintenance or replacement, roofs need repairs. All of the industries have increased the price of materials and labor. Yet, the City Council expects landlords to hold back our rents to 2020 levels!! We have worked very, very hard to purchase a property. We have sacrificed for years to purchase a property to help us in our retirement years. What other industries is the City asking businesses to keep prices at 2020 levels? My rental property is a business!!! You are unfairly targeting rental property businesses by expecting us to bear the brunt. This is unacceptable and there should not be any extension of the rent freeze. Thank you.