

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I urge you to ensure balance is maintained in items 2 & 4 on the Housing Committee agenda. Harassment is illegal. The TAHO, established in 2021 after extensive discussion and debate, is now facing proposed amendments that are overly broad, eliminate judicial discretion, and undermine critical protections for housing providers. These changes risk categorizing lawful actions as harassment. The ordinance should not aim to increase litigation or place responsible housing providers at risk of frivolous lawsuits. Instead, it should foster communication and ensure protection for both housing providers and residents. Additionally, the Right to Counsel Ordinance must include annual reporting and tracking to assess outcomes and funding allocation. The "CFCT Notice" should be a single, multilingual notice that directs tenants to a city website for more information, simplifying compliance for housing providers and ensuring accurate information is delivered to residents. Housing providers should not be burdened with seeking translation services for city verbiage. For the past several years, housing providers have felt targeted by the city's ever-growing layers of requirements. These should not impose unreasonable burdens on responsible housing providers. The proposed changes could lead to significant and undue financial strain, increasing costs related to compliance, legal defenses, and potential penalties. This, in turn, may impact the availability and affordability of rental housing. Please maintain the commonsense provisions in item 2 and ensure item 4 is straightforward and easy to comply with. Support housing providers and address these critical matters.

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is _____. I am a renter, and I live in _____ (Council District #). I am here to urge city leaders to address some important issues impacting tenants such as amending the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance, amending the draft Right to Counsel ordinance, and releasing the United to House LA (ULA) funds to materially support tenants in need. A lot of time has passed since the last Housing and Homelessness committee met and tenants cannot afford more delays. I strongly support the 7 proposed amendments to close loopholes in the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance (TAHO). Since the passage of the Tenant Anti-Harassment ordinance in August 2021, it has been nearly impossible to use the ordinance to stop harassment. I also strongly support a codified Right to Counsel ordinance, with key amendments that need to be made to the draft. 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. Tenants requested \$531 million from the ULA rental assistance program. The ULA fund only had \$30 million available. THOUSANDS of households are left with no options and will face eviction in the coming weeks and months. I feel for these people who just want a home to come to after long hours of work , and it breaks my heart to see so many families going through eviction or on the verge.