

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Personnel, Audits, and Hiring Committee, I hope this letter finds you well. As we explore solutions to the challenges tenants face concerning Just Cause Eviction fees in the City of Los Angeles, I am writing to advocate for a comprehensive approach that combines policy changes, community support initiatives, and education. By implementing several targeted strategies, we can significantly enhance the affordability and accessibility of eviction proceedings for our residents.

- 1. Policy Revisions** First and foremost, we should consider capping eviction fees. Establishing maximum limits on these fees ensures they remain manageable for tenants and prevents landlords from imposing excessive charges. Additionally, implementing a sliding scale for eviction fees based on tenant income would provide much-needed relief to lower-income residents.
- 2. Tenant Assistance Programs** We must also prioritize the establishment of financial assistance programs aimed at tenants facing eviction fees. Such initiatives could be financed through city budget allocations or grants, providing direct support to those in need. Furthermore, expanding access to legal aid services will empower tenants to understand their rights and navigate disputes with confidence.
- 3. Educational Workshops** Education is a critical component in empowering tenants. Organizing renters' education programs can equip tenants with knowledge about their rights and available resources, while also providing landlords with insights into fair practices. This dual approach fosters respectful relationships and reduces instances of eviction.
- 4. City Relief Programs** Enhancing emergency rental assistance programs can help tenants who are struggling to catch up on back rent, ultimately preventing evictions. There is also a need to invest in eviction prevention programs that leverage mediation services and support groups to address issues before they escalate to eviction.
- 5. Community-Based Initiatives** Supporting the formation of tenant unions or associations will empower tenants to advocate for their rights collectively, creating an organized voice for change. Moreover, increasing community support networks will provide tenants with guidance and resources during disputes, fostering a sense of solidarity.
- 6. Advocacy for Legislative Change** We should mobilize community members to advocate for state-level reforms addressing eviction protections and affordability issues. Increasing funding for affordable housing

projects will also play a crucial role in reducing the number of evictions and ensuring more residents can secure stable housing.

7. Data Collection and Transparency Finally, collecting and analyzing data on eviction trends will enable us to understand patterns and target our interventions effectively. Establishing transparent reporting systems requiring landlords to disclose eviction fees will enhance accountability and provide valuable information for future policy development. In conclusion, making Just Cause Eviction fees affordable is a multifaceted challenge that requires palpable action across various spheres. Public engagement and collaboration among tenants, landlords, city officials, and nonprofit organizations are vital for creating sustainable change in our eviction process. Together, we can develop a fairer, more equitable system that protects the rights and dignity of all residents in Los Angeles. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Sincerely, Monisha Parker