

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Ernstoff

Date Submitted: 08/28/2024 09:40 AM

Council File No: 14-0268-S18

Comments for Public Posting: Please do NOT approve strengthening the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance ("TAHO"). When the City makes it tougher to evict problem tenants, the City is in effect putting the related increased eviction costs onto the backs of the good tenants by taking away resources that could otherwise be used to maintain the rental property.

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Name: Miguel Montero

Date Submitted: 08/28/2024 11:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Miguel Montero. I am commenting on agenda item no. 2 and general comment. I live in Council District number 1. 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 want to take my landlord to court because of the constant harassment, but the current language does not guarantee attorney fees. We want to alleviate the weight of the city on investigating cases, that way we have private attorneys to take cases.

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Name: Oguilvie Toscano
Date Submitted: 08/28/2024 10:41 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Mi nombre es Oguilvie Toscano y vivo en el Distrito 10 y estoy comentando en el asunto 2 en la agenda Yo apoyo firmemente las 7 propuestas para mejorar la Ordenanza Antiacoso (TAHO) Desde que se aprobó esta ordenanza en Agosto del 2021 no se ha podido utilizar para llevar al propietario de mi apartamento a la corte por tanto acoso porque el lenguaje actual no garantiza los honorarios de los abogados. Queremos aliviar el peso de la ciudad en la investigación de los casos, de esa manera será más efectivo que tengamos abogados privados para llevar los casos. Yo he sufrido de mucho acoso del propietario por varios años como por ejemplo: me dio varias notificaciones de desalojo de un día sin justificación, me llevo a corte, se negaba a recibir mi renta, me quitaba el agua caliente, nos quitaba la luz de los pasillos, me bloqueaba el parking, removió la lavandería completamente, se negaba a hacer reparaciones, envió a sus trabajadores a golpearme, me aumento la renta ilegalmente, me cobra por fees que yo ya pague y muchas cosas más y la verdad es muy estresante vivir de esta manera ya no aguanto más. Yo he pagado siempre mi renta a tiempo, lo justo es que pueda yo vivir en paz en mi hogar por eso les pido que voten a favor de estas siete enmiendas para mejorar la ordenanza TAHO Gracias!

Communication from Public

Name: Shane Henson

Date Submitted: 08/28/2024 11:03 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Shane Henson and I am a legal aid attorney and policy advocate at Inner City Law Center. Inner City Law Center provides legal representation to homeless and at-risk of homelessness folks throughout Los Angeles County. Today, I am commenting on agenda item no. 2 and general comment. I strongly support the 7 proposed amendments to close loopholes in the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance (TAHO). I know first hand how it has been nearly impossible to use the ordinance to stop harassment. In my work I have met countless clients who have been harassed by their landlords. They have been yelled at, refused necessary repairs to their apartment unit, and even illegally locked out from their homes. Although I have been able to advise these clients about their rights under TAHO, it remains impossible to find my clients private counsel to take these cases on their behalf. That is because the current language does not guarantee attorney fees, nor does it allow appropriate damages to be sought in these cases. Because of this, private attorneys have no incentive to take these matters on, and my clients are left helpless to the whims and abuses of bad acting landlords. However, if the Council adopts these changes, including the attorney fees and damages amendments, we can incentive the private bar to these cases on and protect tenants throughout the City of Los Angeles.

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Name: Carlos Gonzalez

Date Submitted: 08/28/2024 01:13 PM

Council File No: 14-0268-S18

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Carlos Gonzalez. I am commenting on agenda item no. 2 and general comment. I live in Council District number 2. 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 want to take my landlord to court because of the constant harassment, but the current language does not guarantee attorney fees. We want to alleviate the weight of the city on investigating cases, that way we have private attorneys to take cases. Many tenants are still dealing with harassment, and no consequences to landlords who are the ones harassing tenants. It is unacceptable that harassment can continue to happen to tenants who only want a safe relaxed home to live in. The CAA has provided no evidence that stronger anti-harassment ordinances in other cities in California have resulted in frivolous lawsuits. The motion's goal is not to target all landlords, but actual bad actors who are engaging in clear harassment.

Communication from Public

Name: Kyle Nelson

Date Submitted: 08/28/2024 01:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Kyle Nelson. I am commenting on agenda item no. 2 and general comment. I live in Council District number 5. 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. The CAA's opposition letter to TAHO raises no serious legal concerns with the amendments; it merely reflects the CAA's policy preference for a weaker TAHO to shield its landlord members from accountability. Many of these landlords are the largest landlords and management companies in the state and have been sued for tenant harassment in Los Angeles and elsewhere. The CAA has provided no evidence that stronger anti-harassment ordinances in other cities in California have resulted in frivolous lawsuits. Furthermore, this motion's goal is not to target all landlords, but actual bad actors who are engaging in clear harassment. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Mariana Luna

Date Submitted: 08/28/2024 01:29 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Mariana. I am commenting on agenda item no. 2 and general comment. I live in Council District number 9 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 want tenants to be able take landlords to court due to constant harassment, but the current language does not guarantee attorney fees. We want to alleviate the weight of the city on investigating cases, that way we have private attorneys to take cases. Living in South Central and not having representation for renters on the Committee is very worrisome. When Black and brown tenants in south central not represented on the committee and Councilmembers vote, you have to unrepresented renters in South LA!

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Name: Anahi Gonzalez
Date Submitted: 08/28/2024 02:17 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Anahi Gonzalez. I am commenting on agenda item no. 2 and general comment. I live in Council District number 10. 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 want to take my landlord to court because of the constant harassment, but the current language does not guarantee attorney fees. We want to alleviate the weight of the city on investigating cases, that way we have private attorneys to take cases.

Communication from Public

Name: Manuel Mireles

Date Submitted: 08/28/2024 02:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Manuel Mireles. I am commenting on agenda item no. 2 and general comment. I live in Council District number 14. 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 want to take my landlord to court because of the constant harassment, but the current language does not guarantee attorney fees. We want to alleviate the weight of the city on investigating cases, that way we have private attorneys to take cases.

Communication from Public

Name: AmyLinda Nevarez

Date Submitted: 08/28/2024 02:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is AmyLinda Nevarez. I am commenting on agenda item no. 2 and general comment. I live in Council District number 8. 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. If I want to take my landlord to court because of the constant harassment, the current language does not guarantee attorney fees. We want to alleviate the weight of the city on investigating cases, that way we have private attorneys to take cases.

Communication from Public

Name: Karla Perez

Date Submitted: 08/28/2024 05:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Karla Perez. I am commenting on agenda item no. 2 and general comment. I live in Council District number 8. 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. We want to alleviate the weight of the city on investigating cases, so we have private attorneys to take cases. TAHO must be strengthened. A recent LA Times article revealed that in the first 3 years of TAHO, over 13,000 complaints were filed with the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD). However, to date, only 24 cases have been referred to the City Attorney's Office, with only 4 resulting in pending fines and 0 cases resulting in criminal prosecution. The amendments proposed in the motion are intended to strengthen the effectiveness of TAHO and have been thoroughly vetted by housing lawyers. The CAA's opposition letter raises no serious legal concerns; it reflects the CAA's preference for a weaker TAHO to shield landlord members from accountability, many of whom are the largest companies in CA and have been sued for tenant harassment. Moreover, the CAA has no evidence that stronger anti-harassment ordinances in other cities have resulted in frivolous lawsuits. The motion's goal is not to target all landlords, but actual bad actors engaging in clear harassment. By amending and strengthening the current TAHO, the City will fulfill the original goal of the ordinance to deter landlords from harassing tenants. Please support all of the amendments being proposed in the motion. Thank you.