

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eleanor Collins

**Date Submitted:** 03/22/2023 10:15 AM

**Council File No:** 18-0610-S3

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello my name is Eleanor Collins, I want to thank Council members Ramon and Blumenfield for introducing the motion to establish Rights to Counsel. As a renter I want to strongly urge you to support A Right to Counsel ordinance, no one should ever be evicted without legal representation or go to Court alone. We don't need anymore homeless Angelenos. Thank You Eleanor Collins

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lauren Harper

**Date Submitted:** 03/22/2023 10:19 AM

**Council File No:** 18-0610-S3

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello -- I am a renter living in CD4. I am writing to strongly support a Right to Counsel ordinance in Los Angeles. Tenants, like myself, need representation in the courtroom to level the playing field between tenants and landlords. As COVID emergency protections come to an end, we expect to see a wave of evictions that will displace the most vulnerable tenants from their homes and communities. Keeping people in their homes is the first step to preventing homelessness. Furthermore, a Right to Counsel ensures that the recent tenant protections passed by the City Council, such as Just Cause eviction protections, are actually enforced for tenants. Renters of Los Angeles need a strong defense of our rights and a Right to Counsel is the only way to guarantee that protection.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** JAVIER BELTRAN

**Date Submitted:** 03/22/2023 10:40 AM

**Council File No:** 18-0610-S3

**Comments for Public Posting:** Agenda item 6; 18-0610-S3 (03/22/2023) My name is Javier Beltran, I am the Deputy Director at Housing Rights Center. I want to express support for City Council to vote yes on agenda item 6 to provide a Right to Counsel to much needed tenants facing evictions and possible homelessness. I want to thank Councilmembers Raman and Blumenfield for introducing the motion to establish Right to Counsel. As an organization that provides legal assistance and services to LA City tenants, we see the need for tenant protections and I want to strongly urge you to support a Right to Counsel ordinance. Eviction court will never be equitable as long as landlords are almost always represented by an attorney but fewer than 10% of tenants have legal representation. A Right to Counsel would create a more level playing field for tenants and landlords in court. It also saves taxpayers money, because it will reduce and prevent illegal and unjust evictions and homelessness. No one should ever be evicted without legal representation or go to court alone when facing losing their home and possibly becoming homeless. We ask that the City Council approve a Right to Counsel Ordinance in order to keep as many city residents as possible from falling into homelessness.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allison Riccardi

**Date Submitted:** 03/22/2023 10:41 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi I have been renting a house for almost 8 years in Palmdale, Ca. I already even with Covid have paid my rent even with a max rent increase and after 7 years a security deposit increase. However my owners want to sell and renovate. I had to resign from my main job back in November due to medical issues. I'm on very limited income which I get from driving part time with instacart, that's all my body can physically withstand. I have children a family dog. I hustle through the pain to pay my rent and bills. It's impossible to save also for a new place . I can't get approved for a new place on my below poverty income . PLEASE PLEASE extend the city of palmdale no fault evictions a bit longer . There are so so many homeless people all over Palmdale . Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Silvia Marroquin

**Date Submitted:** 03/21/2023 04:38 PM

**Council File No:** 18-0610-S3

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Silvia Marroquin, I'm Senior Community Organizer in Los Angeles. I want to thank Councilmembers Raman and Blumenfield for introducing the motion to establish Right to Counsel. As a renter, I want to strongly urge you to support a Right to Counsel ordinance. Eviction court will never be equitable as long as landlords are almost always represented by an attorney but fewer than 10% of tenants have legal representation. A Right to Counsel would create a more level playing field for tenants and landlords in court. It also saves taxpayers money, because it will reduce and prevent illegal and unjust evictions and homelessness. The pandemic has significantly affected so many people in the community with their living situations and so many are facing eviction because lack of income, others because the landlord didn't want to participate in rent relief efforts, other don't even have a just cause, and yet are facing all uncertainties, along with harassment, housing insecurity, habitability issues. We know without legal representation in eviction court many people will be thrown out on the streets. We believe you have the power to change the Plainfield and make it more just. Please say YES! to a codified Right to Counsel. No one should EVER be evicted without legal representation or go to court alone. We ask that you move a Right to Counsel Ordinance forward in order to keep as many Angelenos as possible from falling into homelessness. Thank you.