

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karla Perez

**Date Submitted:** 08/06/2024 06:03 PM

**Council File No:** 14-0268-S18

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Karla Perez. I am a renter, and I live in Council District # 8. I am urging city leaders to address important issues impacting tenants such as amending the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance, 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 to align with City Council motion directives. We need clear definitions around tenant eligibility, 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. Take urgent action to address these critical issues that have a substantial impact on tenants' lives and help prevent displacement and homelessness. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** carol walsh  
**Date Submitted:** 08/07/2024 08:48 AM  
**Council File No:** 14-0268-S18  
**Comments for Public Posting:** We need fair and balanced rules.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christina Boyar

**Date Submitted:** 08/07/2024 01:59 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Christina Boyar. I am an attorney at Public Counsel and a renter, and I live in CD5 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. We also need our electeds to commit to addressing the staggering rent debt tenants are carrying, starting with but not limited to requesting a report back on possible solutions to address pending rent debt. If we do nothing, the debt will lead to more evictions and homelessness. This rent debt problem has also become a harassment problem. Even if tenants can pay current rent, landlords are doing everything they can to evict people. They ignore important repairs, they leave threatening notes on doors, they verbally intimidate tenants with eviction and sometimes physical harm. Carrying this rent debt has caused emotional and mental distress to thousands of families who find themselves harassed daily by their landlord. Furthermore, there is so much displacement happening across our city and Strong Rent Caps are the only thing keeping many of our elders and single mothers housed. We need to double down on protecting the most vulnerable. The current LARSO annual rent increase formula is untenable, and LARSO contains relics that serve to displace vulnerable tenants like a 1-2% utility bump and a 10% additional occupant increase. Under LARSO as it stands,

landlords can raise the rent 10% for each additional occupant after a first-born child. This is on top of the annual increase and utility bump. So, if someone had their sick parents move in, their landlord could increase their rent by 26% (10% for additional occupant x 2 + 4% annual increase + 2% for utilities). This cannot be acceptable in an ordinance designed to keep rent increases low and predictable. The annual allowable rent increase should be based on 60% of the change in the Consumer Price Index or 3%, whichever is lower, with no utility pass through, no increases for additional tenants, and no exemptions for small landlords. More than 100 community-based organizations have signed on to a letter in support of Keep LA Housed's proposed LARSO formula and amendments. Community members from all backgrounds recognize that the rent is TOO HIGH and only getting worse. We need LARSO to be as strong as possible and actually protect tenants. Please move forward these tenant protections to keep Angelenos housed. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Vanessa Gonzalez

**Date Submitted:** 08/07/2024 02:58 PM

**Council File No:** 14-0268-S18

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Vanessa. I am a renter, and I work in CD #14 and live in CD #5. 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marisol G

**Date Submitted:** 08/07/2024 05:35 PM

**Council File No:** 14-0268-S18

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Marisol Granillo. I am a renter, and I live in district 10. 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.