

Communication from Public

Name: William E Handy Jr

Date Submitted: 02/16/2025 12:52 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S16

Comments for Public Posting: My name is William Handy. I'm a 68-year-old LA Native Son. I am honored to have your ear today and to participate in the health and welfare of our beautiful City of Los Angeles. My organization provides housing to 14,000 Angelenos. For 40 years our family company has owned and operated 3700 Rent Stabilized Multi-family Units here in Los Angeles. The Rent Stabilization Ordinance does exactly what its name implies... it provided stable rent rates to Angelenos. The RSO also protects tenants from unscrupulous landlords. The RSO works today just as it has continuously done for 45 years since it's inception. There is no need to put further temporary restrictions on RSO housing. RSO housing is already protecting tenants and prospective tenants. We have very few vacancies and we serve our tenants well. We don't gouge our tenants. Our average rental rate is \$1100 per month. Our properties are nowhere near the fire affected areas and our small rental units are not the type that fire victims would choose to use for temporary housing. Not a single fire victim has applied for any of our vacancies at this time! Please don't apply broad measures to all housing in Los Angeles, especially the already adequately protected Rent Stabilized rental units. When similar broad protections were applied during Covid, it was devastating to us Rent Stabilized housing providers. We suffered 22 million dollars in uncollectable rent and legal fees due to Covid rent moratoriums! I urge the board to install protections for our fire victims that are more focused on the type of housing they need. RSO rental tenants are already protected sufficiently. Thank you for listening to this housing provider today.

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Name: Rochelle M Handy

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Rochelle M Handy. I'm a 74-year-old LA Native Daughter. I am honored to have your ear today and to participate in the health of our beautiful City of Los Angeles. My organization provides housing to 14,000 Angelenos. For 40 years our family company has owned and operated 3700 Rent Stabilized Units here in Los Angeles. The Rent Stabilization Ordinance does exactly what its name implies... it provides stable rent rates to Angelenos. The RSO also protects tenants from unscrupulous landlords. The RSO works today just as it has continuously done for 45 years since it's inception. There is no need to put further temporary restrictions on RSO housing. RSO housing is already protecting tenants and prospective tenants. We have very few vacancies and we serve our tenants well. We don't gouge our tenants. Our average rental rate is \$1100 per month. Our properties are nowhere near the fire affected areas and our small rental units are not the type that fire victims would choose to use for temporary housing. Not a single fire victim has applied for any of our vacancies at this time! Please don't apply broad measures to all housing in Los Angeles, especially the already adequately protected Rent Stabilized rental units. When similar broad protections were applied during Covid, it was devastating to we Rent Stabilized housing providers. We suffered 22 million dollars in uncollectable rent and legal fees due to Covid rent moratoriums! I urge the board to install protections for our fire victims that are more focused on the type of housing they need. RSO rental tenants are already protected sufficiently. Thank you for listening to this housing provider today.

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Name: Gary R Phillips

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Comments for Public Posting: This proposed ordinance is so poorly conceived and badly written that it should simply be scrapped. Amendments just make the proposed ordinance more unworkable. Among other problems, there appears to be no real mechanism to vet, verify, or confirm a tenant's attestation that he or she has been "affected" by the wildfires, nor is there any objective definition for what qualifies as "economic hardship related to the January 2025 fires." It is unjust and unfair, if not unconstitutional, for the City to compensate a tenant for any supposed economic hardship suffered, by making landlords pay for it, since landlords did not cause the economic hardship. If the City wants to compensate tenants for such hardships, it should pay for it out of the City's budget, not out of landlords' pockets!

Communication from Public

Name: Arsine B Phillips

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Comments for Public Posting: I was at Friday's hearing, and I thought this matter was put to rest--it did not pass. But yet again the council is trying to freeze rents and stop evictions which have nothing to do with the fires. How does this moratorium on evictions and rent freeze help fire victims. You should provide direct assistance to those who are directly impacted by the fire. City of LA should give those people who lost jobs in the fire some assistance--why should landlords have to pay for this? We have not been able to increase rents because of Covid for almost 5 years. Last year was the first year that we could get a 4% increase but our costs have increased more than 30%. We are your constituents and we are struggling too. We need your help and we are not the enemy--we provide housing and cannot afford to make repairs if we can't increase rents and are stuck with tenants trying to take advantage of the poorly thought out laws you are trying to enact. Most of the apartment buildings are in areas that were not impacted by the fire. The renters were not impacted, and the owners of the apartments were not impacted. The only impact is going to be that we will have to spend a lot more money to make repairs because the cost of materials will go up when everyone is trying to rebuild their homes. So in fact, the council should be trying to help mom and pop landlords of buildings where the rents have been frozen artificially low. Most owners of apartment buildings are small, mom and pops, like our family, and we cannot afford another rent freeze or eviction moratorium for absolutely no reason. Please vote no on a rent freeze and please convince others to do the same. This will be very harmful to the city.