

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Housing and Homelessness Committee, I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my support for strengthening the Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance in Los Angeles, a critical piece of legislation aimed at protecting tenants from unjust evictions. To truly enhance its effectiveness and ensure it adequately safeguards our community members, a multifaceted approach is essential—one that encompasses community engagement, policy advocacy, and collaboration with various stakeholders. To begin, increasing community awareness and education about tenant rights is paramount. I propose organizing workshops and seminars that provide vital information specific to the Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance. Additionally, distributing educational materials, such as brochures and accessible online resources, would empower tenants to understand their rights and how to report any violations they may encounter. Advocacy for policy changes is also crucial. A thorough review of the current ordinance could spotlight potential improvements, particularly in extending protections to our most vulnerable populations. Thoughtfully crafted policy proposals, including expanding just cause protections to additional eviction scenarios and imposing penalties on landlords who violate these provisions, would bolster the ordinance's effectiveness. Moreover, I encourage collaboration with local organizations, including tenant advocacy groups, legal aid services, and housing activists. By building a coalition, we can amplify our collective message and support systemic policy changes. Pooling resources among stakeholders for legal assistance and tenant support will further enhance our efforts. Engaging with local government is imperative in this endeavor. I urge the committee to lobby for stronger tenant protections and advocate for the enforcement of existing measures. Public hearings on housing issues would also provide a platform for tenants to share their experiences and voice suggestions for improvements to the ordinance. Data collection and research initiatives will offer valuable insights into eviction rates, the demographics of affected tenants, and the broader impacts of displacement. Using this data to create compelling case studies that document unjust evictions can serve as a powerful advocacy tool. Additionally, I recommend implementing enhanced enforcement mechanisms. Increasing penalties for

landlords who evict without just cause or retaliate against tenants, coupled with establishing a monitoring and reporting system—possibly a hotline or online platform—will hold violators accountable. Access to legal aid and support services must be expanded to assist tenants facing the threat of eviction. Supporting initiatives for free or low-cost legal services is essential, as is promoting mediation programs that can help resolve disputes before they escalate to eviction. Finally, a public campaign utilizing social media and local media outlets could raise awareness about the Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance and mobilize tenants in support of its strengthening. Organizing tenant actions, such as rallies and petitions, would demonstrate overwhelming community support for stronger protections. By pursuing these strategies, we can work together to fortify the Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance, ensuring it effectively serves to protect tenants and promote housing stability in our city. Thank you for considering these recommendations, and I look forward to seeing positive changes for our community. Sincerely, Monisha Parker