

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Edna Monroy

**Date Submitted:** 08/07/2024 02:20 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0140-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Edna Monroy, i am a renter, and I live in council 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lizette Hernandez

**Date Submitted:** 08/07/2024 04:25 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0140-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** As LA Community Action Network has stated before and continues to lift: houseless people are dying every day in Los Angeles, whether in tents, in cars, in shelters, hospitals and jails, and a real concern about this motion is that it is less about clarity and more about providing the City of LA with a framework to expand criminalization and displacement. I don't know about you, but unfortunately, we have at LACAN witnessed coming to work and finding a community member unalived in their tent (long live Gustavo Otzoy). For some of us, we have seen these kinds of unbearable outcomes for years... for others of us, even though we have organized in this beloved city for decades, we have never seen such death literally at our doorsteps. This Traci Park motion asks the City Attorney for an analysis of the impact of the Grants Pass decision. As we've seen in Venice, Councilmember Park and the City Attorney have made clear that obstructing permanent housing projects while expanding not only criminalization of houseless people, but displacing houseless residents of Council District 11 to South Central and elsewhere shows their priorities in "dealing" with houselessness. We know that some of these intentions have and continue to be racist at their heart (let's not forget that Grant's Pass was sundown town as well) In CD14 in Skid Row, 41.18 citations have jumped over 500% from just 4 in June, before the Grants Pass decision, to at least 23 in July and more since the beginning of August. In CD11 in West LA the numbers have quadrupled. How is this a solution? I am one of the staff people that tend to people being overticketed, living in their homes or in unsatisfactory shelters, yet have their penalties skyrocket causing them anxiety and fear. While we have been able to provide a volunteer opportunity through LACity's CAPP program, since most folks have trouble keeping their phone line open or other barriers, we are unable to get them all cleared. In the end, we do not understand how elderly, housing challenged folks accrue over a dozen tickets except to believe that some of our community members are being targeted for being poor and Black, indigenous or an "immigrant." It's time for this City to meaningfully change course—stop the criminalization, displacement, ticketing and death of houseless Angelenos. 80% of houseless folks become houseless and are houseless in the cities they are from, if not the neighborhoods. In other words, most of

the people on the streets are Angelenxs just like you and me. Also KDL needs to be more concerned about these families and residents, rather than trying to silence or surveille our organizers. Attack the issue, not our people. Houseless folks make up about 1% of the population in the City of LA. LAPD's own data shows that nearly 25% of all uses-of-force by LAPD officers are against houseless Angelenxs. Creating more contacts with LAPD will create more harm and death for houseless folks. So KDL, please stop sending the police to harrass the unhoused. Instead come with viable permanent housing options for the unhoused at every juncture, or just leave them alone. We also invite you to read the Tenant Bill of Rights at [keplahoused.org/la-tbor](http://keplahoused.org/la-tbor) Keys not Cuffs, ~Lizette Hernandez, LACAN Organizing Director

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amy Nevarez

**Date Submitted:** 08/07/2024 01:18 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0140-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Amy Nevarez. I am a renter, and live in CD#8. In the wake of the Grants Pass decision, motions like this that ask for “clarity” ignore what we know is true on the ground: houseless people are dying every day in Los Angeles, whether in tents, in cars, in shelters, hospitals and jails, and a real concern about this motion is that it is less about clarity and more about providing the City of LA with a framework to expand criminalization and displacement. This Traci Park motion asks the City Attorney for an analysis of the impact of the Grants Pass decision. As we’ve seen in Venice, Councilmember Park and the City Attorney have made clear that obstructing permanent housing projects while expanding not only criminalization of houseless people, but displacing houseless residents of Council District 11 to South Central and elsewhere shows their priorities in “dealing” with houselessness. Anyone who takes the housing crisis seriously—which is a crisis of housing affordability, housing availability, and poverty—must speak and act from a moral place, not a politically convenient place, to keep people in their homes, to prioritize permanent housing, and to stop using criminalization to invisibilize poverty. In CD14 in Skid Row, 41.18 citations have jumped over 500% from just 4 in June, before the Grants Pass decision, to at least 23 in July and more since the beginning of August. In CD11 in West LA the numbers have quadrupled. How is this a solution? It’s time for this City to meaningfully change course—stop the criminalization, displacement, and death of houseless Angelenos. 80% of houseless folks become houseless and are houseless in the cities they are from, if not the neighborhoods. The City of LA seems to have this worry about houseless people being pushed from other cities into the City of LA in the wake of Grants Pass, but this ignores that this practice is already long been happening. For example, Kevin de Leon’s sweeps have pushed houseless folks across literal lines into Council District 1, and we know that this practice happens across the City. Every Councilmember must first take responsibility for housing and keeping folks housed in their district Displacing people from where they are also displaced them from family, friends, healthcare and other supports exacerbating the crisis and leading to more death Houseless folks make up about 1% of the population in the City of LA. LAPD’s own data shows that nearly

25% of all uses-of-force by LAPD officers are against houseless Angelenos. Creating more contacts with LAPD will create more harm and death for houseless folks. More contacts with police means houseless Angelenos being more prone to not only violence, but also to the confiscation and destruction of property. LA has a legacy of segregation and redlining, and the way that some politicians and policymakers are leaning into criminalization as any solution to houselessness are working back in history towards more of that, not toward a future toward care, towards hope, towards house keys not handcuffs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Angela Birdsong

**Date Submitted:** 08/07/2024 12:13 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0140-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** a housing rights organizer for Los Angeles Community Action Network better known as LA CAN. I work in Council District 14, and I reside in the city of Inglewood, a close neighbor of the city of Los Angeles. I am here to urge LA 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. Anyone who takes the housing crisis seriously—which is a crisis of housing affordability, housing availability, and poverty—must speak and act from a moral place, not a politically convenient place, to keep people in their homes, to prioritize permanent housing, and to stop using criminalization to hide poverty, erase people and cause a city wide genocide. I strongly support the 7 proposed amendments to close loopholes in the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance (TAHO). I also strongly support a codified Right to Counsel ordinance, with key amendments that need to be made to the draft. Motion 18 erases our fellow human beings. Let's move towards a future of care, towards hope, towards house keys not handcuffs. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katherine King

**Date Submitted:** 08/07/2024 10:53 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0140-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** CF 24-0140-S1 Comment: Vote No Although knowledge is always a good thing, the purpose for which one seeks it may be highly questionable. In the case of motion 24-0140-S1, knowledge about how the recent SCOTUS ruling on Grants Pass affects the City's existing rules, litigation, and established agreements appears to be sought for only one reason: a desire to change those rules to make it easier to arrest unhoused people without having to create housing for them. Compare this motion to the Board of Supervisors' reaffirmation that their Care First approach to encampment resolution will continue despite the SCOTUS ruling (Agenda item 13, July 23, 2024). Motion 24-0140-S1 does not mention of Care First. The BOS wants to coordinate with all the cities in the County to make sure the impact is equitable everywhere. Motion 24-0140-S1 is concerned only with how other cities' policies will impact the City of Los Angeles. If this motion were a person, I would label it narcissistic and fearful. Since it is not, I will use only "mean-spirited." The second part of the motion, which wants to know "how this ruling impacts the LA Alliance Settlement" invites intense speculation. It is clear from the Los Angeles Times report on the 2022 agreement between the City Council and the Alliance that many on the Council agreed to open "enough beds over the next five years to accommodate 60% of the city's unsheltered population in each City Council district" only because it meant they could thereby evict unhoused people from parks and other public spaces. [see <https://www.latimes.com/homeless-housing/story/2022-04-01/los-angeles-homeless-lawsuit-settlement-judge-carter>] And now what? Are the six makers of this motion perhaps hopeful that the City Attorney will find a way to release them from the obligation to create those beds? Are the Councillors representing wealthier districts hoping that the pressure to build low-income and affordable housing will dissipate? That they can continue to oppose projects like the Venice Dell Community with impunity because they can simply sweep the unhoused off their streets into jails and unincorporated areas? Out of sight out of mind. Please get down to work on building city-wide affordable and low-income housing, on incorporating rather than "disappearing" the unhoused through criminalization. Please vote no on this mean-spirited motion.

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## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 08/07/2024 11:39 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0140-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** HOUSEKEYS NOT HANDCUFFS it's estimated six Unhoused people die each day in LA - in tents, in cars, on sidewalks, in hospitals and jails. CM Park's motion is less about clarity regarding the Grants Pass decision, and more about providing the City with yet another framework to expand its cruel practices of criminalization and displacement. Criminalizing poverty does not solve homelessness. in CD14 in Skid Row, 41.18 citations have jumped more than 500% this summer. in CD11, numbers have quadrupled. How is this a solution, unless the goal is simply to fill jails w/ the Unhoused, poor, and disabled? It's long past time for this City to meaningfully change course—stop the criminalization, displacement, and death of Unhoused Angelenos!! 80% of Unhoused folks become / are houseless in the cities where we're from. The City of LA has shown unfounded worry that Unhoused people are somehow being pushed from other cities into LA in the wake of Grants Pass - but this fear-mongering line of thinking ignores that the practice of displacement across city / district lines has already long been happening. Council's strategy thus far has been an endless and deadly shuffle of poor folks from one area to another, and to confiscate / destroy all folks' belongings in the process. Displacing people from where they are & taking whatever property they do own is a cruel and wasteful cycle that disconnects Unhoused folks from their families, friends, school, jobs, healthcare, service and support providers Even though it's estimated Unhoused folks make up only about 1% of the population in the City of LA, LAPD's own data shows ~25% of use-of-force incidents by LAPD officers are against Unhoused (& often disabled) Angelenos. Creating more contacts with LAPD will only create more harm and death, for what is already one of the nation's deadliest police forces. LA has a disturbing legacy of segregation and redlining. Here we are in 2024 & members of council are doubling down on criminalization of poverty w/ deadly policies that disproportionately harm Black Angelenos - continuing our history of racist, ableist, anti-Black policy. We need HOUSING NOW - including repurposing vacant units for Unhoused tenants immediately. We need REPARATIONS for Black & Indigenous Angelenos. We need AFFORDABLE, NON-CARCERAL, SUPPORTIVE & PERMANENT HOUSING - not more people dying unsheltered, or being thrown into jail for

the crime of being poor in a white supremacist, ableist, ageist society. We need HOUSEKEYS not handcuffs.