

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a tenant in CD 13 writing in support of the ordinance to end evictions for renovation work. This ordinance must also include amendments to extend the expiration date and apply protections to tenants with pending eviction cases. Substantial remodel evictions have caused the displacement of hundreds of families across Los Angeles and are more than often done in bad faith as a way to subvert rent caps. Data from the Los Angeles Housing Department confirms most renovictions are carried out by landlords who have recently purchased a new property-- getting rid of long-standing tenants paying below market rate rents is part of their business plan, and the substantial remodel loophole allows them to do it. We must put a stop to this. City Council unanimously recognized this as a pressing issue and voted to put an end to it. However, due to how long the ordinance took to be drafted, the sunset date no longer gives Council enough time to develop a permanent solution. We need to extend the amount of time the temporary ban is in place to make sure its expiration does not leave tenants vulnerable again. Additionally, the current draft of the ordinance does not apply to tenants with pending eviction cases. There are seniors and families in our community who are currently fighting renovictions in court. These we the very tenants that this ordinance was intended to protect; it is absolutely crucial that we amend it to do so. Please vote yes on Agenda Item 1 with amendments to push back the sunset date and apply protections to tenants with pending eviction cases.