

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: And you ask yourselves why is the Los Angeles Rental system so broken and homelessness an epidemic here! Well, lets see RSO lowest market rate for a one bedroom is \$1747. Lets start with someone making \$15 an hour. Subtract 1/3 in taxes that means actually \$10 an hour. 40 hours a week is \$400 x 4 months =\$1600 WELL THAT DOESNT WORK! LEARN THE MATH! OK, Well lets say I am a single tenant who's been living in an RSO rental for 10 years and my rent is \$1000 a month, if I am lucky. Then you add in monthly utilities DWP is pricey... with Gas lets say a modest \$150 plus internet and cable another \$100 then you have minimal gas for the car another \$100 and you have \$100 car insurance LEAVING only \$150 left for food which might last you a week. (I guess that means NO eating out, pasta, and potatoes for a month)....And, I guess that means absolutely no wiggle room: for a parking, traffic ticket, clothes, shoes, any gifts, and no savings for another rainy day, possibly another pandemic or room for getting sick! Oh wait I guess that also means people like me shouldn't be able to afford quality health and dental insurance. Even at \$18-20 an hour of back breaking labor THE MATH STILL DOES NOT WORK! So you sit here and you blame homelessness on us. When businesses are reducing labor, strikes are rampant, AI is around the corner, Amazon is the MONOPOLY that ruins all the retail businesses, etc. Shame on you. Have you no conscience? Who do you serve? Are you a representative of your community or are you about serving whomever's got the money and out for your own self interest. This is ALL basic math, a kid even gets it. Now lets say you're a family living in an RSO apartment with one parent home taking care of the kids or you're a single parent or disabled or elderly living on fixed income OH WAIT THAT DOESNT WORK EITHER. THAT'S EVEN MORE COSTLY AND WORSE!! A landlord did receive Covid money from the government while renters, like me, couldn't work and many of us are still trying to payback our back rent. It will take some time for us to catch up working for \$20 or less an hour. If you do the math at this rate, it will take some time. Ok I get it if you're a MOM AND POP landlord who owns ONE DUPLEX. If you're a landlord who owns 4 or more units or more than one building and your claiming hardship That's BS! Before you make a decision I ASK

the city council FOR TRANSPARENCY ON LANDLORDS CLAIMING HARDSHIP, hiding behind several LLC's, some in the tens to hundreds OF LLC's. The public has a right to see this data who owns what! With the Landlords claiming inflation hardship, All of you ask yourself what about inflation hardship on us, renters, barely scraping by living from paycheck to paycheck? Again, do the Math! It's undeniably evident the majority of RSO tenants obviously are facing more financial hardship than the landlords! THEREFORE, I ask you, the representatives of the people to do the right thing, Support the Motion to freeze the rent increase at the very least for 6 months. RSO renters were hit harder than the landlords during Covid and many of us still need time to catch up on back rent are struggling with inflation and any increase at this time poses a financial hardship on us, displacing thousands and increasing homelessness!

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Comments for Public Posting: Allowing any rent increase is a slap to renters everywhere and a death sentence to some. My current landlord is a man named Arthur Raffy Aslanian and last year he set our RSO building on fire to scare/harm my fellow tenants and me out of our homes. I spent two weeks this year watching the U.S. Attorney's office proving that my landlord was using our rent money to hire hitmen and arsonists. This criminal landlord still owns my building and still asks for rent from prison while he awaits sentencing. I do not believe it's right to give a known criminal the opportunity to raise our rent after he spent years trying to murder us. These landlords aren't fixing our homes, they are threatening us, spying on us, and trying to kill us. Although my personal experience is extreme - I do not think it's the most unique situation in the world and I know there are tenants in this city in far more vulnerable positions than myself and my fellow tenants here on Hartsook Street, NoHo. I encourage the city council to find another solution. Give tenants more time, and FREEZE this rent increase.