

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 02/14/2025 01:06 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S16

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Andrea, I live in Altadena. I'd like to speak on Item 13 and also offer my general public comment. I strongly urge the Council to vote in favor of Item 13 and move forward with eviction protections. It's unacceptable that the Council has yet to act in order to protect Angelenos from displacement and skyrocketing rents. While I do support rent assistance for tenants, by the time that support reaches most people, it will be too late to prevent displacement. LAHD has stated it will take at least 4 to 8 months for tenants to receive support, and it's already been over a month since the wildfires began. We need to hit pause. The wildfires have torn apart our communities, and tenants who were already struggling with unaffordable rents are now even more vulnerable to being displaced. Thousands have lost their homes, neighborhoods, and jobs. To make things worse, price gouging has gone through the roof, worsening the affordability crisis. The motion as amended provides a limited but vital eviction defense for tenants affected by the wildfires. This is not an eviction moratorium—tenants will need to prove that they've been economically impacted, and it will be up to the courts to decide if that proof is enough. These protections will not be exploited, but they will help those who have been hit hard by the fires stay in their homes. The City of LA must step up and provide eviction protections for people struggling to make rent after losing their income, to prevent more displacement and homelessness caused by the fires. Tenants are trying to recover, and they shouldn't have to fear losing their homes during this time. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jonathan

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to vote NO on Item #13, the proposed Citywide One-Year Eviction Moratorium. A blanket moratorium is not targeted relief—it fails to distinguish between tenants genuinely in need and those who exploit the system. Instead, the City should focus on verified, targeted rental assistance for tenants who lost their jobs due to the wildfires. During the COVID-19 eviction suspension, a good number of tenants fraudulently claimed financial hardship, resulting in significant unpaid rent that landlords could not recover. Extending a one-year moratorium would only encourage further abuse, allowing tenants to accumulate unpaid rent without verification of need. Despite requests, LAHD has yet to conduct a survey to determine where affected tenants live or verify how many truly require assistance. Meanwhile, over \$650 million in relief funds from sources like FEMA, the Dodgers, and Magic Johnson are available to help struggling tenants. The City should prioritize and create a verification system for rental assistance to ensure funds reach those in need. A one-year moratorium, without verification or accountability, is not a sustainable solution. Please support fair and targeted assistance instead of a policy that risks promoting fraud and financial hardship for rental housing providers. Vote NO on Item #13.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kathleen C. Parente

**Date Submitted:** 02/14/2025 07:20 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It is unconscionable that the government would have to vote to help citizens who've lost everything through no fault of their own. This is the most basic act of humanity, that any of us should afford those devastated and abandoned by the current governing body. Do the right thing! Insure these productive members of society can once again participate in contributing to all California's. As a constituent of the 14th district I insist on a vote to give grace to those displaced and ravaged families to lessen some of their suffering. I VOTE. I vote for representatives who have morals, values, scruples, ethics and honor. I hope this council holds these same values. Kathleen C. Parente

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gloria Martinez

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, my name is Gloria Martinez and I am the Treasurer of United Teachers Los Angeles. On behalf of the 38,000 public school educators of Los Angeles, I urge the Council to vote yes on Item 13 and move forward with eviction protections. The wildfires have devastated our communities, and tenants who were already facing unaffordable rent and persistent rent burden are now more vulnerable than ever to displacement. Thousands of people have lost their homes, their neighborhoods, and their jobs. Price gouging has also been out of control due to these fires, worsening our affordability crisis. LA's school communities and public-school educators have been particularly impacted. Our members were displaced, and some have lost their homes. Many of our students are suffering from homelessness and housing insecurity, a crisis that has only been made more acute by the economic hardship and loss of income caused by the fires. The motion, as amended, creates a narrow and crucial eviction defense for tenants who have been economically impacted by the wildfires. It is not an eviction moratorium. Tenants will have to prove they have been economically impacted and it is up to the courts whether that proof is sufficient-- this narrow protection will not be abused. It will help our fire-impacted neighbors stay in their homes. LA City must provide eviction protections to help people struggling to pay rent after losing their income and prevent further displacement and homelessness caused by the fires. Tenants are trying to recover from these wildfires, and cannot face the threat of losing their homes. We urge you to vote yes on item 13

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kwan

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing in support of the strongest possible protections for tenants during this unprecedented disaster. The wildfires that devastated LA were a month ago and we are just beginning to experience the fallout of this disaster. LAist has previously reported asking rent spikes between 15% and 64% post fire and current tenants are currently feeling the squeeze because the Council has failed to act on RSO. Inflation isn't going down and homelessness is projected to increase. As a homeowner and resident of this City, I do not want to see more people unsheltered and on the streets and the cost of living rising. The Council needs to tackle housing and homelessness by protecting vulnerable tenants, providing rental assistance, and capping the rising cost of housing immediately!