

Communication from Public

Name: philip meyer

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 12:05 PM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

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Name: Joseph Kirkland
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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Joseph Kirkland, and I demand that you VOTE YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. We are in a housing crisis in this state, and the victims of price gouges at Hillside Villa are a prime example why. The city has to stop prioritizing the profits of developers who want to blanket the city in empty mixed users at the cost of the average citizen having an affordable and safe place to live. This is a housing issue, a human rights issue, a climate change issue. Please do what is right. Thank you.

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Name: Jenny Lin

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Name: Elizabeth Blaney

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Communication from Public

Name: Hillside Villa Tenant

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 11:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing you this letter, because we need your support at Hillside Villa. I wish you could stand under the feeling that I'm going through and seeing my mom worry about this. With your vote for EMINENT DOMAIN will help my family and everyone else. Please give us your vote and make a different change in our building. Approving the budget immediately is crucial. It's a loan that will be repaid. The Budget Committee must act NOW!

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Name: Alfredo Espinosa

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 11:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hope your day is going great. I would like to share with you about our situation here at Hillside Villa Apartments. I live in apartment 308-A (been here since 1996) and I really enjoy living here. I work at Dodger Stadium, which is practically down the street from here and that means my commute is only a few minutes to work and back from work. I really love that! But there is a greater reason why I enjoy living here and why I need to keep this home place. My mother (75 years old) lives with me. She was diagnosed with early Alzheimer's disease a few years ago. It is practically impossible for her to retain any new information, but she is able to remember a lot of old information. One of the things she likes to do, is to go out for a walk in the evenings. Her favorite place is Olvera street/plaza. She has been doing this walk for so many years now, that is now registered in her long term memory and she can easily make her way to Olvera and back home on her own. I try to walk with her as much as possible but sometimes I have to be at work and I can't be with her. At least I am relieved knowing that she can find her way back to Hillside Villa. If we were to move to a different place, I am sure that it would be impossible for her to adapt and function in the new environment. And this is the main reason why I want to remain here at Hillside Villa Apts. I ask that you please support the Hillside Villa Tenants Association in our quest for Eminent Domain and help keep my mom, as well as many other elder residents, safe here at home at Hillside Villa Apts. Approving the budget immediately is crucial. It's a loan that will be repaid. The Budget Committee must act NOW! Alfredo Espinosa Thank you!

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Name: Michelle

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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles Council Members, please help us through this difficult time and give us peace of mind and VOTE YES to Eminent Domain. My family can't meet Tom Botz's rent increase of 200%. My family has lived in this building over 21 years. This is home. I don't want my family to get kicked out because we can't afford to pay the rent. Please help my family and my Hillside Villa families. Thank you. Approving the budget immediately is crucial. It's a loan that will be repaid. The Budget Committee must act NOW!

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Name: Rene AlexZander

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 11:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles Council Members, My name is René Alexzander. I am a tenant at Hillside Villa. I along with my husband, 2 children, and sister, have been tenants for 17 years. I am a long term survivor of AIDS (36 years) and my husband (20 years). We're writing you today to ask you to please support Eminent Domain and vote yes. The owner of the building Tom Botz is increasing the rent 200%, which is something we can not afford. Without your support, we could once again face homelessness. As a gay man with AIDS, I am sincerely addressing you. You need to show your strong support that you are against HIV/AIDS, homelessness, the LGBT community discrimination— Approving the budget immediately is crucial. It's a loan that will be repaid. The Budget Committee must act NOW! I will be watching your vote. René Alexzander

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Comments for Public Posting: Please help us through this difficult time and vote yes on Eminent Domain. I am a 14 year old girl and grew up in this building most of my life. My mom is a single mother who works very hard, but with the rent they expect her to pay it's going to be very difficult. Also, I'm entering high school in a few months and if we have to move it's going to be far from the school I want to go to. So please help us and vote yes on Eminent Domain. Approving the budget immediately is crucial. It's a loan that will be repaid. The Budget Committee must act NOW! Thank you, Saira

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Comments for Public Posting: We know that voting to use Eminent Domain for Hillside Villa is around the corner. Please help us keep rent affordable and help us save our home through these difficult times. I am a family on a fixed income and I can't meet Tom Botz rent increase of 200%. As a kid, we were also pushed out of our home at 1324 Bonds Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015 to expand the Convention Center, Staples Center. Please don't let this happen AGAIN! My hope writing you today is that we move forward using Eminent Domain and stop this from happening to us again. Approving the budget immediately is crucial. It's a loan that will be repaid. The Budget Committee must act NOW!

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Name: Claire Hasko-Young

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Name: Estela Barragan

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Comments for Public Posting: Yo Estela Barragan estoy escribiendo esta letra para informarles mi inconformidad sobre el incremento de la renta para los departamentos del edificio en Hillside Villa. Yo he sido inquilina del edificio desde hace 30 años aproximadamente, mis monas están en este edificio, he visto como atrás inquilinos que tienen el mismo tiempo que yo se han ido. Debido a este problema y han tenido mucho problemas de encontrar otro lugar. Mis ingresos economicos son bajos y no puedo castear una renta más elevada a la que yo gano. Por eso, les pido por favor voten a Eminent Domain que nos ayudará a resolver a mí y muchos otros esta situación.

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Name: Mike H.

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 11:08 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning City Council members, I encourage all of you to vote YES to purchase the Hillside Villas apartments and keep affordable housing in Chinatown. It is my understanding that long-time residents have been seeing outrageous rent increases, including going from less than \$1,000/month to more than \$3,000/month. This is the exact opposite of affordable housing and it is happening during the COVID-19 pandemic when we should be helping, not hurting families in Los Angeles. We need affordable housing now more than ever. Remember, purchasing Hillside Villas is cheaper than new construction (\$360K per unit vs \$600K per unit). Plus, the city will be repaid when the building is transferred to an affordable housing non-profit. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Name: Taiji Miyagawa

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Taiji Miyagawa, from City Council District 14, and I urge the Budget Committee to VOTE YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa (HSV) Apartments via loan. I am a member of Save Our Seniors Network, a grassroots all-volunteer organization which has been fighting the loss of a major bilingual/bi-cultural healthcare facility in Boyle Heights for Japanese American seniors at the hands of an international Real Estate developer. The city must do more to protect existing housing and services for our communities rather than allowing interests to destroy them for personal gain, only to extract much needed capital away from Los Angeles versus keeping it circulating in the city for the public good. Voting to support the use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown makes complete sense. This is a no-loss action for the city that will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds. It will preserve already rapidly-declining low and very-low income housing inventory. This is what LA City should be doing more of to end the rise in the homeless count and protect the diversity of communities that make our city so special. Low and very-low income Angelinos need housing now, and protecting existing inventory is by far the most logical thing to do. At a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing HSV is an economical way of getting affordable housing versus building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. It is a practical means of protecting families. Tenants began organizing when aggressive rent increases were announced for 2019, when the CRA affordability covenant for the building expired. When a deal to extend the covenant for 10 years fell through, the possibility of purchasing the building became the only option to maintain this tight-knit, multi-ethnic and multi-generational community in place. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. They face harassment from their owner and many are looking at rent increases of up to 200%. And people are even worse-off than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these same tenants had their rent raised in February to over \$3,000 a month, when their previous rent was \$900. So far, less than half

of the tenants who have applied have received support from the ERAP program, and even those who have are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by COVID-19 goes away. Unless the Budget Committee Acts today, the city risks putting 124 more families onto the streets as the crisis in housing affordability continues unabated due to inaction. Approval of financing Hillside Villa by loan is a straightforward "win-win" for our city. It will help preserve the unique multi-cultural character of one of our distinct communities, Chinatown. Please show the leadership required on this issue by voting YES on the loan

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Name: Kristina Meshelski

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 11:15 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote YES to keep the tenants of Hillside Villa in their homes. This kind of action is a much more responsible use of our resources than waiting for the tenants to be evicted or building new affordable housing. They want to stay where they are, the city can buy the building and keep everyone happy. As a taxpayer in this city I want to see common sense solutions like this! And as a human being I want to keep these families in their homes, they do not deserve to be evicted or priced out just so Tom Botz can make a bigger profit. We must put housing and families first, not Tom Botz and his investments.

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Name: Hillside Villa Tenant

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Comments for Public Posting: Atencion, Dirijo a usted esta carta con todo el respeto que merece. El de la presiente es para hacer de su conocimiento lo siguiente. Soy hermana de Thelma Caceres. Mi nombre es Rosa Amelia Caceres y comparto el apartamento con Thelma en el edificio en 636 North Hill Place. Soy una persona de 78 años de edad. Como usted ve, ya no puedo trabajar solo dependo de lo que paga el Social y no cubre todos mis gastos. Ayudo a mi hermana con lo que puedo. Antes cubria todos mis gastos porque contaba con la ayuda de mi hijo Nelson Ernesto, pero desgraciadamente ya no lo tengo pues el dia 12 del mes octubre pasado murio a consecuencia del accidente que tuvo con un bus de la linea 4 en el boulevard Sunset a 3 block de aqui de donde vivimos. Por eso ya no ayudo a mi hermana Thelma solo ella trabaja por eso acudo a usted para de ser posible nos ayude dandonos su voto para Eminent Domain. Para seguir luchando contra el aumento. Approving the budget immediately is crucial. It's a loan that will be repaid. The Budget Committee must act NOW!

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Name: Madison McClintock

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 11:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Madison and I demand that you VOTE YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. We support the use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. This is essentially free money for the city -- it will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds. Also, at a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. Tenants began organizing when aggressive rent increases were announced for 2019, when the CRA affordability covenant for the building expired. When a deal to extend the covenant for 10 years fell through, the possibility of purchasing the building became the only option to maintain this tight-knit, multi-ethnic and multigenerational community in place. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. They face harassment from their owner and many are looking at rent increases of up to 200%. And people are even worse off than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these same tenants had their rent raised in February to over \$3,000 a month, when their previous rent was \$900. So far, less than half of the tenants who have applied have received support from the ERAP program, and even those who have are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by Covid goes away. 124 FAMILIES MAY BECOME HOMELESS IF YOU DO NOT ACT IN SUPPORT OF HILLSIDE VILLA. The same business as usual politics has not stemmed the housing crisis. Bolder actions are needed from Krekorian and the rest of the Budget committee who have been dragging their feet. People's lives depend on it! Sincerely, Madison

Communication from Public

Name: Hillside Villa Tenant

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 11:22 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: Please help us through this difficult time and vote yes to Eminent Domain. My family has lived in this building for over 21 years and now we can't meet Tom Botz's rent increase of 200%. My parents are doing their best to provide for us. Please help us. This is my home, where I shared my last moments with my grandma. Please don't take that from me. As well, help the families at Hillside Villa. Approving the budget immediately is crucial. It's a loan that will be repaid. The Budget Committee must act NOW! Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Hillside Villa Tenant

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 11:23 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: I am a tenant at Hillside Villa. My name is Adela Cortez and I have been living here since it was first open back in 1986-87. I came to live at Hillside because Eminent Domain was used to build what is now the convention center, which led to many, many families being displaced including many of us here at Hillside. Please help Hillside Villa by voting yes on Eminent Domain. Your vote can save many families from becoming homeless. Your vote is very important to many families here at Hillside Villa. Please vote yes on Eminent Domain. Approving the budget immediately is crucial. It's a loan that will be repaid. The Budget Committee must act NOW! From: Adela

Communication from Public

Name: Thelma Cáceres

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:45 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: El motivo de escribirle es para pedirle de favor nos ayude con su voto. Porque necesitamos que Eminent Domain pase. Mi nombre es Thelma Isabel Cáceres; tengo viviendo en Hillside Villa 24 años y el aumento de renta es demasiado alto. Con mi sueldo de nani no puedo pagar una renta excesiva. Le pido por favor nos ayude así como yo. hay muchos mas familias con niños, personas de 3er edad que necesitamos de usted. Mi hermana, Rosa Amelia Cáceres tiene la edad de 78 años, y solas vivimos. Ella no trabaja. Por favor ayudanos, ¡para no ser unas familias viviendo en la calle!

Communication from Public

Name: Aimee Williams
Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:46 AM
Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: Why should a landlord who benefited from tax benefits for many years, but failed to live up to his end of the bargain by providing the basic minimum standards for safe and habitable housing be permitted to now displace a community of vulnerable tenants for his own personal gain and to the detriment of housing affordability in our City? Either this council is serious about addressing housing affordability and homelessness or they aren't. March 2019: "A number of tenants spoke to the gathered crowd of about 50, not only detailing the injustice of the rent increases, but of the state of disrepair that much of the building had fallen into. "We've dealt with rats and roaches, broken gates, leaking ceilings, and worse!" one tenant shouted into a megaphone, "and now they want to charge us more? That's why we are fighting!" This is a no-brainer - this is the best way that these funds should be spent: Not only will the council be preserving affordable housing, but you will be preventing the damage and mayhem caused by eviction and displacement at a critical time, both during COVID-19 pandemic and for a vulnerable community of people. Stopping the financial hardship, illness, educational and work disruption, housing instability or homelessness, illness and death (if you think I'm being hyperbolic, have your staff research 'displacement trauma' for how senior citizens especially are susceptible to illness and dying simply by being evicted from their long term homes - and that's without considering their future ability to find housing) by preserving this housing is well worth the money that will be spent, in addition to the potential for providing future non-luxury housing (which DTLA does NOT need any more of) with this property. How much worse does housing affordability and housing crises in Los Angeles County need to get before the Council takes decisive action to help the communities that they serve? Because City Council needs to work for the tenants, not the landlords of Los Angeles in order to fix housing affordability. Failing to act will effectively condone the business model and shady rental and maintenance practices of Tom Botz. If there were any agency empowered (and by that I mean a City Attorney or other team adequately funded and permitted to do its job) to protect tenants from exploitative landlords and substandard housing a Health and Safety Code Receivership should have been done years ago. So let this be a

warning to any other landlords who are failing to maintain their buildings. My question from the Hillside Villa scandal is how many more examples like this are there out there?? How many other affordable buildings with expiring low-income housing covenants are being held and 'land-banked' by speculative real estate investors while they let their low-income/senior tenants suffer in unconscionable housing conditions because (a) they have no incentive to invest NOW when they plan to refurbish LATER and (b) Tenants will be a lot easier to evict/motivate to leave if their homes are unlivable. These are ticking time bombs for Los Angeles' housing crisis - which of the Council Members will step up and investigate all of these buildings on behalf of vulnerable tenants? Right now, you have the opportunity to stop this bomb before it goes off. Please act accordingly.

Communication from Public

Name: Hillside Villa Tenant

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:56 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: Soy inquilino de Hillside Villa apartment. Para mi es muy importante que apoyen con su voto para Eminent Domain del edificio, pues las rentas estan muy altas y mi economia no me permite pagar mas. Y de no aprobar la propuesta de Eminent Domain, terminariamos vividendo en la calle mi familia y yo pues no podriamos pagar una renta. Necesitamos su apoyo :) Tambien hay mucha gente de la 3ra edad que quedarian sin un techo pues sus ingresos son muy bajos y quedarian desamparados.

Communication from Public

Name: Misako Miyagawa

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:56 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: To Budget Committee and Finance City Council Members Paul Krekorian, Bob Blumenfield, Monica Rodriguez, Curren Price, Kevin De Leon: My name is Misako Miyagawa, from the Save Our Seniors Network. I strongly urge that you VOTE "YES" on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments TODAY. I support the use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. This is essentially free money for the city, which will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds. Also, at a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. Tenants began organizing when aggressive rent increases were announced for 2019, when the CRA affordability covenant for the building expired. When a deal to extend the covenant for 10 years fell through, the possibility of purchasing the building became the only option to maintain this tight-knit, multi-ethnic and multi-generational community in place. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. They face harassment from their owner, and many are looking at rent increases of up to 200%. And people are even worse off than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these same tenants had their rent raised in February to over \$3,000 a month, when their previous rent was \$900. So far, less than half of the tenants who have applied have received support from the ERAP program; and even those who have are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by COVID-19 goes away. 124 FAMILIES MAY BECOME HOMELESS IF YOU DO NOT ACT IN SUPPORT OF HILLSIDE VILLA. The same business-as-usual politics has not stemmed the housing crisis. Bolder actions are needed from Krekorian and the rest of the Budget committee who have been dragging their feet. This is why I urge you to VOTE "YES" to expedite and approve the loan to purchase Hillside Villa TODAY. Sincerely, Misako Miyagawa

Communication from Public

Name: Benson Lai
Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:56 AM
Council File No: 21-0600-S101

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Communication from Public

Name: Timothy Ivison

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:56 AM

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As LA's Chinatown Gentrifies, Hundreds Of Tenants At The Hillside Villa Apartments Face Eviction

Chinatown is being cleansed of Latinx and Chinese tenants. But they're fighting back.

Jacob Woocher | February 28, 2019



Ana Quevedo, Adela Cortez, and Rosario Hernandez (from left to right), in addition to the vast majority of the other 124 tenants in their building, are facing massive rent increases as their “affordable housing” expires.

The City of Los Angeles has failed Ana Quevedo, Adela Cortez, and Rosario Hernandez. Now, their entire multi-ethnic community — mostly Chinese and Latinx — is at risk of being displaced.

In the late 1980s these three women were kicked out of their homes as the [city spent \\$500 million](#) to subsidize the expansion of the Convention Center downtown. Fortunately, the now-defunct Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was able to move them to an “affordable housing” development in Chinatown that it had just helped finance to the tune of \$5 million in zero-interest loans given to the for-profit developer. With 124 units, a spacious courtyard, and a view of City Hall across the 101 Freeway, the Hillside Villa Apartments would be their homes for the next 30 years.

But now the building's affordability contract has expired, and the landlord, Thomas Botz, has decided that rents are going way up on June 1.

For Hernandez, who immigrated to LA from Mexico in the 1980s and now lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Botz is raising the rent from \$840 to \$2,450 per month. Right now she's close to her job at a daycare center, and is able to live with her family in the 3-bedroom they rent. "I can't afford the increase," she tells me (in Spanish). "I don't know where I'll go if I have to leave."

For the landlord, that's precisely the point. All the [luxury units](#) being built in Chinatown, as well as its proximity to downtown, suggest to property owners that an abundance of wealthier tenants are available to replace current ones.

With an estimated [14,000 of these "affordable" units](#) in LA County set to be converted to market-rate within the next 5 years, the residents of Hillside Villa represent just a few of the tens of thousands of people who will be forced out of their homes as landlords like Botz cash out while the city and county [do pretty much nothing](#).

But these tenants are taking matters into their own hands.

The Hillside Villa Tenants Association

They've formed the Hillside Villa Tenants Association along with over 70 of their neighbors in order to struggle collectively to stay in their homes. They are being supported by organizers from the LA Tenants Union, Chinatown Community for Equitable Development (CCED), and the Democratic Socialists of America, Los Angeles (DSA-LA).

- ☐ California low income housing tax credit program (Chapter 1138 of the Statutes of 1987)
- ☒ Rent restrictions and restrictions on maximum tenant income for admission to rent restricted units imposed by a local jurisdiction (county or city) in exchange for providing the following types of assistance: Community Redevelopment Agency Loan Assistance
- ☐ Loans or grants provided using tax increment financing pursuant to the Community Redevelopment Law (California Health and Safety Code Division 24, Part I, Section 33000).
- ☐ Local housing trust funds (California Health and Safety Code Section 50843 (a) (3)).
- ☐ The sale or lease of public property at or below market rates.
- ☐ Local land use incentives such as inclusionary zoning, parking variances and density bonuses pursuant to Chapter 4.3, Section 65915.
- ☐ Other:

Currently, the above program keeps the rent on your unit low. The owner intends to end participation in the above program on June 1, 2019 (**insert date at least six months from date of this letter**).

This means that the amount of rent you pay will change. The current monthly rent for your 3 bedroom apartment is \$ 845.00. As of June 1, 2019, the new rent will be \$ 2,500.00, **parking and utilities not included**.

You should not immediately move or agree to move. Remember, changes to your rent from the termination or expiration of the rental restrictions will not occur before June 1, 2019 (**insert a date at least six months from the date of this letter**).

Your options and the names of organizations that can advise and assist you are included in the attached information, titled "Tenant Advisory and Options" and "Tenant Resources." The organizations listed in the "Tenant Resources" have also received this notice. You should consider all of your options before you take any action.

The owner may decide at a later date to remain in the program and continue the current subsidies. You will be notified separately if this occurs.

Their association is a remarkable example of organizing that crosses barriers of both ethnicity and language. The majority of the tenants are Latinx, many of them immigrants, and there's also a sizeable Chinese population — this being Chinatown, of course. Their weekly meetings are conducted with consecutive interpretation in English and Spanish, with CCED members simultaneously interpreting for the Chinese-speaking tenants as well.

In early February, a little over a month after receiving the rent increases, they formally announced themselves as a TA, and presented [their demands](#) to the building's ownership. The tenants believe that in recent years they've experienced increased harassment from the building's management, alongside an inverse decrease in maintenance. [Their demand letter](#) reads, in part:

“Our children used to be able to play outside in the common areas, now they are forbidden; we used to have one free parking space, now we are charged; we never had armed security, now we have a rent-a-cop who routinely interrogates us, despite knowing who we are, and places one hand on his revolver to show he is serious; we used to have a pest-free building, now we can't get the manager to fumigate our apartments...”

Their main demand, however, is that rents remain affordable. More specifically, they're seeking a contract similar to what the [Mariachis from Boyle Heights](#) were able to win: capping rent increases for a number of years, and then guaranteeing that the landlord will collectively bargain once that contract is up.

Last Thursday, February 21, the Association had their first negotiating session with the landlord (and his children; see below), held outside in the building's courtyard. Botz had immediately responded to the tenants' request via email to meet face-to-face, and at the meeting even agreed on the spot to disarm the building's security guard.

But he didn't seem to be willing to significantly budge on the rent increases. The fight will continue, and likely escalate.

Public Money, Private Profit

The building, located at 636 N. Hill Place, was constructed beginning in 1986 by a corporation called "L.A. Sunset Properties II." At some point around the year 2000 — it's not clear exactly when — Botz, a now-retired lawyer who lives in Malibu, bought that corporation, and thus the building. Today, two other corporate entities respectively manage and own it, both of which are controlled by Thomas Botz. LLCs controlled by Botz own at least 5 other residential buildings in LA County.

Oddly enough, his two 20-something children, Chloe Botz and Nolan Botz, live in the very building where these rent increases are happening. Their rooms, however, according to several tenants, are newly renovated and much nicer than all the others.

Chloe, the elder sibling, plays a leading role in managing the building. She patrols the halls, clipboard in hand, and has been personally offering tenants buy-out offers in advance of their rent increases: \$1,000 for every month they leave before June. Many tenants also claim she has taken actions to prevent children from playing in the common areas, although the building's official policy is that children are allowed to play in the such areas, just not with hard balls.

[Nolan](#) appears to be less involved, but is nonetheless taking after his father: he works in residential real estate at the firm Marcus & Millichap. (Coincidentally, or maybe not at all, his employee profile page was taken down the day after the tenants sent their demand letter.)

The development was subsidized from the ground-up by over \$5 million in zero-interest loans — about two-thirds of that coming from the local CRA,

and one-third from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In return, the developer-landlord agreed to build and rent all 124 units to low- and moderate-income households for 30 years. This agreement was not altered upon Botz assuming control of the building.

The original loan agreements explicitly state that any profits from the development — once the original loans are paid back — may be kept in full by whoever owns the building.

There's no way to know how much they paid for it, or how much in rent and fees they've already collected so far. But with [rents in Chinatown skyrocketing as the area gentrifies](#), things are looking up for the Botz's.

The people that live there are not so lucky.

They are, however, joining tenants across Los Angeles in rebelling against both their respective landlords and the smooth functioning of the capitalist real estate market. From [the elderly folks at the Metro Senior Lofts](#) in Chinatown battling a massive “affordable housing” developer, to the Westside LATU members [fighting against Tyler Wilson to keep Patricia Sanchez](#) in her home, to the tenants in Lincoln Heights withholding rent from a slumlord who's also a minister, the struggle for housing as a human right rages on.

The Hillside Villa Tenants want to live in Chinatown, so they are now entering the fray too.

NOTE: this piece has been corrected to reflect the fact that there is no official policy at the apartment complex banning children from playing in common areas, and that ownership has not explicitly expressed an intention to replace the current tenants with whiter ones.



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Comments for Public Posting: Le ruego por favor tomar nota y nos apoye en esta causa para mantenernos en nuestras casas, y que no nos desalojen. Gracias,
Alicia

Communication from Public

Name: Hillside Villa Tenant

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:57 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: De la manera mas atenta me dirijo a ud. Mi nombre es Rosalia Cid, soy una inquilina mas de los Apartamentos de Hillside Apartments. Tengo 23 años viviendo y estoy con mi grupo de inquilinos, que estamos luchando por que no nos desalojen, o suban la renta ya que somos gente honrada, decente, y trabajadora y somos una gran familia la cual no quiere perder su hogar, nuestras familias necesitan de su apoyo “Voto”. No nos niegue por favor yo tengo 57 años y estoy incapacitada pues tengo solo 9 meses de cirugias (transplante de hígado) por el cual necesito cuidados. Haga que nos sintamos seguros de tener un hogar por eso le preguntamos y pregunto de mi parte - ¿Tenemos su Voto?

Communication from Public

Name: Dominique

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 11:04 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Dominique

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 01:14 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Marques A. Vestal, PhD

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 01:15 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Emily Yang

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 12:54 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Robert Reyes Villagomez

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 01:03 PM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Robert Reyes Villagomez and I request that you vote "YES" on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. I've lived in Echo Park and have been a neighbor of Hillside Villa for my entire life of 24 years. I work at HousingCalifornia as the statewide organizer with the Resident's United Network and have made it my life's work so far to expand affordable housing and eliminate homelessness in my community and our state. This is my personal viewpoint and statement of support. I support the use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. This is essentially free money for the city -- it will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds. Also, at a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. This is just pure economics and mathematics, luv. In the landlords attorney's rebuttal, they claim that this would only affect a third of the residents in the apartment -- that characterization is misleading. What we are talking about is preserving 124 affordable units permanently. The 2/3rds of tenants or units as they say that are "unaffected" likely have Section 8 vouchers which cover rent increases. As soon as those residents leave, if the council does not act, those units will become market rate. I believe that in Chinatown, and in Los Angeles, we have a bounty of market-rate apartments. We can look to the latest development in Chinatown by Atlas Capital that has a proposed 700 units of market rate apartments going up across the street from LA Historic Park. Even if what Tom Botz' lawyer said was a proper characterization -- does that mean that the council would allow for 40+ families to be placed into a place of insecurity with the risk of falling into homelessness? Based on my analysis, I would expect that you move as a council and vote to approve this loan and favor the 124 families' interests to remain stably housed than the interests of one landlord developer who owns multiple profit earning buildings. Best, Robert Reyes Villagomez

Communication from Public

Name: Clare Letmon

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 12:38 PM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I'm writing as a constituent in CD2 to urge the council to fund the expropriation & preservation of 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. As a victim of slumlording in LA myself, bad actors must not be rewarded when housing low-income tenants no longer fits the business model. Housing is a human right, and we cannot build our way out of this crisis by demolishing existing affordable housing. Trickle down doesn't work when you've torn down what low-income housing there is to trickle into. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. So far, less than half of the tenants who have applied have received support from the REAP program, and even those who have are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by Covid goes away. 124 FAMILIES MAY BECOME HOMELESS IF YOU DO NOT ACT IN SUPPORT OF HILLSIDE VILLA. Please put the city's money where its mouth is and prevent the no-fault eviction and displacement of the tenants of Hillside Villa. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Perry Dorsey Jr

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 12:40 PM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

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Communication from Public

Name: Jordon Orozco

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Name: Emily

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 12:18 PM

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Name: Siena Chiang

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 12:19 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Vince Leus

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 12:14 PM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Vince Leus, resident of CD1, and I demand that you VOTE YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. We support the use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. This is essentially free money for the city -- it will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds. Also, at a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. Tenants began organizing when aggressive rent increases were announced for 2019, when the CRA affordability covenant for the building expired. When a deal to extend the covenant for 10 years fell through, the possibility of purchasing the building became the only option to maintain this tight-knit, multi-ethnic and multigenerational community in place. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. They face harassment from their owner and many are looking at rent increases of up to 200%. And people are even worse off than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these same tenants had their rent raised in February to over \$3,000 a month, when their previous rent was \$900. So far, less than half of the tenants who have applied have received support from the ERAP program, and even those who have are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by Covid goes away. 124 FAMILIES MAY BECOME HOMELESS IF YOU DO NOT ACT IN SUPPORT OF HILLSIDE VILLA. The same business as usual politics has not stemmed the housing crisis. Bolder actions are needed from Krekorian and the rest of the Budget committee who have been dragging their feet

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie Albicker

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 12:14 PM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA city council members, In rebuttal to a letter submitted by the law firm of Palmieri, Hennessey, & Leifer, LLP dated on 9/11/2021. The law firm makes recommendations to families of Hillside Villas to apply for Section 8 instead of the purchase for eminent domain. The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) websites clearly states "The Section 8 Waiting List is closed until further notice." As a Los Angeles public school teacher I can attest many of my students and families are awaiting affordable housing and are on wait list from the city's housing development for low-income for several years now! The law firm suggestion of families at Hillside Villa apply for Section 8 when it is not an option due to the unavailability was not thoroughly researched. I please urge city council members and the Budget & Finance Committee to vote "yes" on item #3 and reserve the fund loan to purchase the Hillside Villa building. I trust that each member of the Budget & Committee has the best intention to keep families housed and not displaced. Thank you, Valerie Albicker

Communication from Public

Name: Phyllis Ling

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 02:54 PM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

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Communication from Public

Name: Sabrina Chu

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 03:22 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Simone

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 03:25 PM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: As a lifelong Angeleno I am proud of the diversity of our city and our love for our neighbors. This is why I now write to urge the city council to keep this building affordable for its residents and to remove Tom Botz from being affiliated with running or managing it in any way.

Communication from Public

Name: Raymond Fang

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 01:44 PM

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Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 01:46 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Ivonne Bustamante Zazueta

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Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 01:49 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Jintana Williams

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 01:51 PM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Jintana Williams, I live in South Los Angeles (90001). I demand my council member Curren Price to vote YES on the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartment. I support the use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. Keeping families in their homes--and off the streets--is a public service to EVERYBODY. I am a community health worker on skid row, and everyday I witness the failures of our housing crisis. It has gotten so much worse over the pandemic. And YOU have the opportunity to curb the onslaught of evictions and housing insecurity that faces this city. At the cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. Also, at a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. TOM BOTZ WILL BE FINE. He will make money regardless. Please keep families in their homes. We need bolder actions, now.

Communication from Public

Name: Anthony

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Communication from Public

Name: Bill Przulucki

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 01:32 PM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: Please find attached our letter on this issue: Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers: On behalf of our membership, which has prioritized the creation and preservation of housing affordable to lower income people since 1999, we urge you to vote yes on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments (Council File 21-0600-S101). We support the use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. At a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. Tenants began organizing when aggressive rent increases were announced for 2019, when the CRA affordability covenant for the building expired. When a deal to extend the covenant for 10 years fell through, the possibility of purchasing the building became the only option to maintain this tight-knit, multi-ethnic and multigenerational community in place. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. They face harassment from their owner and many are looking at rent increases of up to 200%. And people are even worse off than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these same tenants had their rent raised in February to over \$3,000 a month, when their previous rent was \$900. So far, less than half of the tenants who have applied have received support from the ERAP program, and even those who have are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by Covid goes away. We do not want to push 124 more families into homelessness through inaction and bureaucratic inertia. The City must act boldly and decisively on Hillside Villa. Thank you in advance for your commitment on this issue.



September 13, 2021

Los Angeles City Council
City Hall 200 N. Spring Street, Room 460
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: 21-0600-S101 — Vote Yes on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments

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Thank you in advance for your commitment on this issue.

Sincerely,

Bill Przylucki, Executive Director

Communication from Public

Name: Kira Morrison

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 12:00 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kira Morrison and I demand that you VOTE YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. We support the use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. This is essentially free money for the city -- it will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds. Also, at a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. Tenants began organizing when aggressive rent increases were announced for 2019, when the CRA affordability covenant for the building expired. When a deal to extend the covenant for 10 years fell through, the possibility of purchasing the building became the only option to maintain this tight-knit, multi-ethnic and multigenerational community in place. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. They face harassment from their owner and many are looking at rent increases of up to 200%. And people are even worse off than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these same tenants had their rent raised in February to over \$3,000 a month, when their previous rent was \$900. So far, less than half of the tenants who have applied have received support from the ERAP program, and even those who have are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by Covid goes away. 124 FAMILIES MAY BECOME HOMELESS IF YOU DO NOT ACT IN SUPPORT OF HILLSIDE VILLA. The same business as usual politics has not stemmed the housing crisis. Bolder actions are needed from Krekorian and the rest of the Budget committee who have been dragging their feet.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelly Kilmer

Date Submitted: 09/12/2021 04:50 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Anthony Kim

Date Submitted: 09/12/2021 07:50 PM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Anthony, and I respectfully ask that you VOTE YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. Especially in the midst of a pandemic, please please please continue the work that you have been doing to keep people safe and housed.
Sincerely, Anthony

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly

Date Submitted: 09/12/2021 09:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kimberly and I demand that you VOTE YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. We support the use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. This is essentially free money for the city -- it will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds. Also, at a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. Tenants began organizing when aggressive rent increases were announced for 2019, when the CRA affordability covenant for the building expired. When a deal to extend the covenant for 10 years fell through, the possibility of purchasing the building became the only option to maintain this tight-knit, multi-ethnic and multigenerational community in place. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. They face harassment from their owner and many are looking at rent increases of up to 200%. And people are even worse off than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these same tenants had their rent raised in February to over \$3,000 a month, when their previous rent was \$900. So far, less than half of the tenants who have applied have received support from the ERAP program, and even those who have are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by Covid goes away. 124 FAMILIES MAY BECOME HOMELESS IF YOU DO NOT ACT IN SUPPORT OF HILLSIDE VILLA. The same business as usual politics has not stemmed the housing crisis. Bolder actions are needed from Krekorian and the rest of the Budget committee who have been dragging their feet

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Malek

Date Submitted: 09/12/2021 10:21 PM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: Good evening, please VOTE YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. This is an excellent use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. This is essentially free money for the city -- it will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds. Also, at a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. This is a no brained - please vote yes so that these people can keep their homes. Please don't add to the number of traumatized individuals out on the street.

Communication from Public

Name: Roman Ramirez
Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 01:13 AM
Council File No: 21-0600-S101

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Communication from Public

Name: Caitlin Krenz

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Name: Frank Choi

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 01:28 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Chell Duncan

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 01:52 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Rohan Sabnis

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 01:56 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Cherie Heiberg

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 02:03 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Cherie Heiberg and I demand that you VOTE YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. Forgive the repetition of language in this comment. I understand that others have said essentially the same thing, but it bears repeating. I support the use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. This is essentially free money for the city -- it will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds. Also, at a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. Tenants began organizing when aggressive rent increases were announced for 2019, when the CRA affordability covenant for the building expired. When a deal to extend the covenant for 10 years fell through, the possibility of purchasing the building became the only option to maintain this tight-knit, multi-ethnic and multigenerational community in place. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. They face harassment from the owner and many are looking at rent increases of up to 200%. And people worse off than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these same tenants had their rent raised in February to over \$3,000 a month, when their previous rent was \$900. This is a LUDICROUS jump in price! I pay less than that for my mortgage! So far, fewer than half of the tenants who have applied have received support from the ERAP program, even those who are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by Covid goes away. 124 FAMILIES MAY BECOME HOMELESS IF YOU DO NOT ACT IN SUPPORT OF HILLSIDE VILLA. The same business as usual politics has not stemmed the housing crisis. Bolder actions are needed from Krekorian and the rest of the Budget committee. It is unconscionable to allow this vibrant community to be destroyed due to the greed of their landlords.

Communication from Public

Name: Mason Summit Allport

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 02:16 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

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Communication from Public

Name: Larissa

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 02:34 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

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Communication from Public

Name: Olivia Wu

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 03:44 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Olivia Wu, and as a medical student and public policy graduate at UCLA, I demand that you VOTE YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. We support the use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. This is essentially free money for the city -- it will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds. Also, at a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. Tenants began organizing when aggressive rent increases were announced for 2019, when the CRA affordability covenant for the building expired. When a deal to extend the covenant for 10 years fell through, the possibility of purchasing the building became the only option to maintain this tight-knit, multi-ethnic and multigenerational community in place. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. They face harassment from their owner and many are looking at rent increases of up to 200%. And people are even worse off than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these same tenants had their rent raised in February to over \$3,000 a month, when their previous rent was \$900. So far, less than half of the tenants who have applied have received support from the ERAP program, and even those who have are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by Covid goes away. 124 FAMILIES MAY BECOME HOMELESS IF YOU DO NOT ACT IN SUPPORT OF HILLSIDE VILLA. The same business as usual politics has not stemmed the housing crisis. Bolder actions are needed from Krekorian and the rest of the Budget committee who have been dragging their feet

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 04:14 AM

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 04:55 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Megan O'Neil

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 04:57 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Sophia Li

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 05:06 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

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Communication from Public

Name: C. Jack Barry

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Communication from Public

Name: Bryan Zachary Hochberg

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Name: Jennifer Hunt Gudernatch

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Name: Mireya

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Name: Julia Hannafin

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Name: Courtney Rice

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 07:57 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Courtney Rice and I demand that you VOTE YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. We support the use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. This is essentially free money for the city -- it will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds. Also, at a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. Tenants began organizing when aggressive rent increases were announced for 2019, when the CRA affordability covenant for the building expired. When a deal to extend the covenant for 10 years fell through, the possibility of purchasing the building became the only option to maintain this tight-knit, multi-ethnic and multigenerational community in place. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. They face harassment from their owner and many are looking at rent increases of up to 200%. And people are even worse off than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these same tenants had their rent raised in February to over \$3,000 a month, when their previous rent was \$900. So far, less than half of the tenants who have applied have received support from the ERAP program, and even those who have are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by Covid goes away. 124 FAMILIES MAY BECOME HOMELESS IF YOU DO NOT ACT IN SUPPORT OF HILLSIDE VILLA. Bolder actions are needed from Krekorian and the rest of the Budget committee. Thank you, Courtney

Communication from Public

Name: Sonia Suresh

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:07 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Sonia Suresh with Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE) and I request that you VOTE YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. We support the use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. This is essentially free money for the city -- it will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds. Also, at a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. Tenants began organizing when aggressive rent increases were announced for 2019, when the CRA affordability covenant for the building expired. When a deal to extend the covenant for 10 years fell through, the possibility of purchasing the building became the only option to maintain this tight-knit, multi-ethnic and multigenerational community in place. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. They face harassment from their owner and many are looking at rent increases of up to 200%. And people are even worse off than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these same tenants had their rent raised in February to over \$3,000 a month, when their previous rent was \$900. So far, less than half of the tenants who have applied have received support from the ERAP program, and even those who have are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by Covid goes away. 124 FAMILIES MAY BECOME HOMELESS IF YOU DO NOT ACT IN SUPPORT OF HILLSIDE VILLA. The same business as usual politics has not stemmed the housing crisis. Bolder actions are needed from Krekorian and the rest of the Budget committee who have been dragging their feet

Communication from Public

Name: Mimi Nguyen

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:11 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Mimi Nguyen, and I demand that you VOTE YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. We support the use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. This is essentially free money for the city -- it will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds. Also, at a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. Tenants began organizing when aggressive rent increases were announced for 2019, when the CRA affordability covenant for the building expired. When a deal to extend the covenant for 10 years fell through, the possibility of purchasing the building became the only option to maintain this tight-knit, multi-ethnic and multigenerational community in place. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. They face harassment from their owner and many are looking at rent increases of up to 200%. And people are even worse off than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these same tenants had their rent raised in February to over \$3,000 a month, when their previous rent was \$900. So far, less than half of the tenants who have applied have received support from the ERAP program, and even those who have are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by Covid goes away. 124 FAMILIES MAY BECOME HOMELESS IF YOU DO NOT ACT IN SUPPORT OF HILLSIDE VILLA. The same business as usual politics has not stemmed the housing crisis. Bolder actions are needed from Krekorian and the rest of the Budget committee who have been dragging their feet.

Communication from Public

Name: Frances Huynh

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:14 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Kelly Thomas

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:17 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kelly Thomas. I am writing to beg you to VOTE YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. This is a huge opportunity for you to do what is right for citizens of LA that have been put in harm's way by development. I ask: WHY NOT protect these citizen and allow them to stay in their homes instead of becoming houseless. It is your responsibility to utilize federal and state funds to support the people of Los Angeles in innovative ways that make sense. I feel it is your duty to use Reserve Fund loan to preserve the 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. I am aware that this is essentially free money for the city -- it will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds! You could make a historic decision to side with the people and align with the the Housing Element of the City's General plan that estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. Purchasing Hillside Villa is a cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. Again -- why not do this? Tenants began organizing when aggressive rent increases were announced for 2019, when the CRA affordability covenant for the building expired. When a deal to extend the covenant for 10 years fell through, the possibility of purchasing the building became the only option to maintain this tight-knit, multi-ethnic and multigenerational community in place. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. They face harassment from their owner and many are looking at rent increases of up to 200%. And people are even worse off than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these same tenants had their rent raised in February to over \$3,000 a month, when their previous rent was \$900. YOU KNOW THIS IS ABSURD! So far, less than half of the tenants who have applied have received support from the ERAP program, and even those who have are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by Covid goes away. 124 FAMILIES MAY BECOME HOMELESS IF YOU DO NOT ACT IN SUPPORT OF HILLSIDE VILLA. Bold action is needed NOW. Thank you, Kelly Thomas 90057 educator

Communication from Public

Name: Bryan Sih

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:20 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Bryan Sih and I demand that you VOTE YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. We support the use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. This is essentially free money for the city -- it will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds. Also, at a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. Tenants began organizing when aggressive rent increases were announced for 2019, when the CRA affordability covenant for the building expired. When a deal to extend the covenant for 10 years fell through, the possibility of purchasing the building became the only option to maintain this tight-knit, multi-ethnic and multigenerational community in place. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. They face harassment from their owner and many are looking at rent increases of up to 200%. And people are even worse off than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these same tenants had their rent raised in February to over \$3,000 a month, when their previous rent was \$900. So far, less than half of the tenants who have applied have received support from the ERAP program, and even those who have are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by Covid goes away. 124 FAMILIES MAY BECOME HOMELESS IF YOU DO NOT ACT IN SUPPORT OF HILLSIDE VILLA. The same business as usual politics has not stemmed the housing crisis. Bolder actions are needed from Krekorian and the rest of the Budget committee who have been dragging their feet

Communication from Public

Name: Sean McCann

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:20 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca L

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:24 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Rebecca and I am writing in support of voting YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments. 124 FAMILIES MAY BECOME HOMELESS IF YOU DO NOT ACT IN SUPPORT OF HILLSIDE VILLA. This is unconscionable, we are STILL in a pandemic and the city council has a long history of abandoning working class families in Los Angeles and criminalizing the unhoused. Vote YES!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Alex

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:24 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:27 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

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Communication from Public

Name: Yeran Zhou

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:36 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Lydia Nicholson

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:42 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Hillside Villa Tenant

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:44 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote for eminent domain. I have live here for 11 years and I don't to leave here this is my house. I learned Chinese since I was in Kindergarten and I don't want to go to another school because other schools don't offer Chinese. I don't want to end in homeless. From: Jamie

Communication from Public

Name: Adriana

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 10:44 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 09:03 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE support the Tenants of Hillside Villa. PLEASE Vote YES, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah C Cayer

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 09:12 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

Comments for Public Posting: I support voting YES on funding the purchase of Hillside Villa Apartments through the use of a Reserve Fund loan. Use of a Reserve Fund loan to preserve 124 units of affordable housing in Chinatown is essentially free money for the city -- it will be paid back within a few years by federal and state funds. At a cost of just \$360k per unit, purchasing Hillside Villa is a far cheaper way of getting affordable housing than building new units from the ground up. The Housing Element of the City's General plan estimates that buying buildings with expiring covenants is about 20% less expensive than building new affordable housing. Tenants began organizing in Hillside Villa when aggressive rent increases were announced for 2019, when the CRA affordability covenant for the building expired. When a deal to extend the covenant for 10 years fell through, the possibility of purchasing the building became the only option to maintain this tight-knit, multi-ethnic and multigenerational community in place. The tenants of Hillside Villa will not be able to stay in their homes without action from the City. They face harassment from their owner and many are looking at rent increases of up to 200%. And people are even worse off than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these same tenants had their rent raised in February to over \$3,000 a month, when their previous rent was \$900. So far, less than half of the tenants who have applied have received support from the ERAP program, and even those who have are deeply worried about what will happen to them when support for renters affected by Covid goes away. Innovative and creative measures are essential for solving the housing crisis in Los Angeles. By purchasing the Hillside Villa Apartments and preserving the affordability of the units, the City would protect 124 families from homelessness and ultimately save money in the long term.

Communication from Public

Name: Mario Correa

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 09:13 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

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Communication from Public

Name: Molly Kristine Becker

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 09:16 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 09:24 AM

Council File No: 21-0600-S101

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Communication from Public

Name: Brenda Zhang

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 04:29 PM

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Name: Andrea

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 04:12 PM

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