

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, Please oppose the proposed increase of the SCEP fee from \$43.32 to \$81.25 per unit per year. At a time when people talk about "fairness", this increase is patently unfair to apartment owners, like myself, who are regulated by LA City rent control laws. These regulations force us to: 1. Rent units for far below market rates unless a tenant moves out. 2. Pay an annual SCEP fee. 3. Have our apartments inspected. 4. Endure additional requirements during the COVID-19 moratorium such as the rent freeze. And now, the Council wants to raise the SCEP fee by 88%!! I am very upset about this because half of my units already rent for far less than market value. SO UNFAIR! Certainly the Council can find ways to continue to keep the SCEP fee as is for most owners by modifying how often the inspections occur and the fee amount based on the history of previous inspections and the number of bedrooms for the individual apartment units. For example, apartments that have historically had serious violations could be inspected more often than every 4 years and at a higher fee while all others could be inspected less often than every 4 years. Also, the SCEP fee could be less for a studio unit and more for units having 2 or more bedrooms. Please oppose the proposed increase of the SCEP fee and consider changes such as the ones I have suggested. Thank you, Robert Slade