

Communication from Public

Name: Lois DeArmond
Date Submitted: 09/18/2020 11:08 AM
Council File No: 20-0922

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to oppose, in the strongest possible terms, the increase of the SCEP fees, which will be passed on to tenants. The piling on of yet more financial burdens to tenants is unconscionable at ANY time, but now, when hundreds of thousands of people can't even pay rent, would be highly irresponsible and downright cruel. Landlords are required to provide safe housing as a covenant of rental; the City needs to make sure they do so. We pay City employees via our taxes. Tenants should not be further taxed through pass-through fees to ensure they have safe housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Brock Harris

Date Submitted: 09/18/2020 01:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0922

Comments for Public Posting: OMG please don't raise the SCEP fees. We mom and pop landlords are DYING right now. I've got tenants just refusing to pay, they won't even agree to a \$10/mo payment plan! don't raise SCEP fees, it's just a pointless program that creates such headache for all of us.

Communication from Public

Name: ROBERT WARD

Date Submitted: 09/18/2020 01:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0922

Comments for Public Posting: Council Members, It has come to my attention that there is a measure coming before you to raise the fees we pay for the Systematic Code Program. As a small apartment owner of five units, we are being hit terribly hard this season with all sorts of problems associated with the Covid virus and the manner in which it has affected our tenants. We have done the best to treat them as always like family, but the financial burdens this season are proving enormous. Please consider us, the small entrepreneur who saved and invested in a multi-family housing unit for my wife's and my retirement. I am now 70, would like to retire and see that I can not. The apartment building has, instead of providing me a retirement income, become a continuing financial bleed. Please consider us, the small business people. Sincerely, Robert Ward



■ 18 September 2020

Council Members Cedillo, Krekorian, Harris-Dawson,

Re: Council File 20-0922
Fee Increase in Systematic Code Enforcement Program

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Please consider us, the small business people.

Sincerely,

Robert Ward
Cinderella Properties, LLC

Communication from Public

Name: Alan Freedman

Date Submitted: 09/18/2020 01:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: AS A SMALL APARTMENT OWNER IN LOS ANGELES, I STRENUOUSLY OBJECT TO YOUR PROPOSED INCREASE OF 88% IN CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTION FEES. WITH THE CORONAVIRUS AND MORATORIUMS AND NEW LAWS ALLOWING TENANTS TO NOT PAY RENT AND ALSO DELAY PAYING RENT, PLACING NEW BURDENS ON PROPERTY OWNERS, IT IS CRAZY AND PUNITIVE AND UNCONSCIONABLE AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL AN UNFAIR TO IMPOSE THE PROPOSED NEW PUNITIVE FEES. PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND DO NOT IMPOSE THEM.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 09/18/2020 02:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My comments are regarding the proposal to increase SCEP fees by 88%, per unit. Tenants are already not paying rent or SCEP fees, and they know they can do so with impunity. I have just been required to inform my tenants that there is no recourse to me (no eviction) for another year, so I anticipate that many tenants will simply continue to not pay rent. I don't know how I will be able to pay my property taxes in December. The timing for this extra expense for property owners is very bad, it is like kicking me when I am already down. Enough, please.