

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cyndi

**Date Submitted:** 02/24/2021 01:09 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0183

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to express my support for an immediate rent freeze on residential units with expired or expiring affordability covenants and relocation options for impacted tenants while exploring options to preserve long-term affordable housing stock. We're still in the middle of a pandemic. Freeze rents through end of 2021! Also Seize the hotels already, use the FEMA money and save people from dying on the streets!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sabrina Johnson

**Date Submitted:** 02/24/2021 01:28 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to express my support for an immediate Rent Freeze on all units in the City of Los Angeles with expiring affordability covenants. The City of Los Angeles is decades behind on increasing our stock of Public Housing, compared to other major cities like NYC and Chicago. As we work to expand our offering of publicly-owned affordable housing, we need to take every action we can to ensure the continued affordability of the City's many privately-owned rental units. This motion is a step in the right direction.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Francisco Espinosa

**Date Submitted:** 02/24/2021 11:09 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0183

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing in support of this motion. The council's inability to provide any sort of relief for the working people of LA during the pandemic has unfortunately made reactionary measures like this one the only temporary stop gaps between our city and an impending housing catastrophe. This measure will not be nearly enough to address the dire housing crisis in our city but is a decent enough way to provide temporary relief to those most affected by the pandemic.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** S.

**Date Submitted:** 02/24/2021 09:47 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We desperately need this rent freeze on expiring affordability covenants. We are already facing an unprecedented homelessness crisis that is overlapping with a year of unbelievable struggle due to the pandemic. The last thing we need is for more people to face eviction and end up living on the streets. As someone who owns a multi-unit building and has seen the economic devastation of the pandemic on my hardworking renters, I know that compassion is the only solution right now and we must support this rent freeze to slow the exponential harm of these tandem crises. We don't need to see more vacancies, more people on the street, more rent hikes. We need a Los Angeles that is hospitable and welcoming to all, and this item is just one tiny thing we can do to ensure that.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Barbara Motz

**Date Submitted:** 02/24/2021 10:26 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This motion should be a "no brainer." It simply instructs city agencies to explore ways to avoid having even more of our citizens fall into homelessness. I support passage of this motion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Xanthe Scheps

**Date Submitted:** 02/24/2021 10:17 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** If we want to address the overwhelming issue of homelessness in our city, particularly as we imagine a post-COVID world, a massive piece of that is ensuring more Angelenos do not fall into becoming unhoused. We must do everything within our power to strengthen rental protections and make housing truly affordable. I have lived in my apartment for 5 years. The smaller unit next to my apartment has turned over 3 times in that time and now rents for approximately \$800 more than my own unit. Were my unit not rent-stabilized, not only would a unit be able to afford my own apartment, but even my own neighborhood. Los Angeles is unaffordable. The rent stabilization at least helps keeps it at the level unaffordability we are currently at instead of forcing even more people out of their homes.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aryeh Cohen

**Date Submitted:** 02/24/2021 10:59 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly support this motion to enact a rent freeze. Protecting tenants from prohibitive rent increases is imperative - there is absolutely no justification for allowing landlords to increase their profits at the expense of tenants who are already in economically vulnerable situations.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brendan D Stephan

**Date Submitted:** 02/24/2021 10:01 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this item, as well as a rent freeze on ALL properties across the city. As this will, specifically, create a rent freeze on all rental units under expiring affordability covenants, it is essential and a no brainer.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeffrey  
**Date Submitted:** 02/24/2021 10:12 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0183  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please enact a rent freeze on rental units under expiring affordability covenants