

AD HOC COVID HOUSING

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On March 4, 2020, Mayor Eric Garcetti declared a State of Emergency in Los Angeles due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Concurrently, Governor Gavin Newsom instated a State of Emergency, adding state-level protections for those suffering from the pandemic. Along with the declarations, both the State and the City enacted emergency eviction protections for renters to mitigate the effects of the housing crisis during this unprecedented time.

To prevent mass housing displacement, the City created the largest emergency rental assistance program (ERAP) in the country and has paid out over \$222 million to landlords and tenants. Since the City partnered with the State to distribute rental assistance funding, Angelenos have received an additional \$511 million in rental assistance.


Now in 2022, Los Angeles is entering into the third year of the pandemic. The ongoing state of emergency and eviction moratorium continue to place restrictions on housing practices for landlords and tenants. Over the last two years, a number of state tenant protections have been put in place. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been allocated for rental assistance. Now, it is necessary that we reassess the eviction moratorium to suit the needs of Angelenos.

To make sure residents are not confused about upcoming changes to Los Angeles's emergency protections, the City must work back from the State's deadline of May 2023 for rental repayment during COVID-19. In alignment with the year-long repayment period, we must provide enough time for tenants to comfortably pay rent that accumulated over the pandemic.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the Housing Department, with assistance from the City Attorney, be directed to report back in 30 days on recommendations and possible amendments to the eviction moratorium.

I FURTHER MOVE, that the Housing Department be directed to report back in 30 days with data on the number of Angelenos still on the ERAP waitlist, as well as residents who may qualify for rental assistance, but were unable to be captured or helped by the State and City programs.

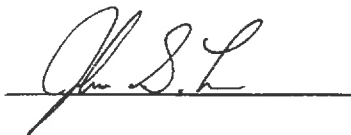
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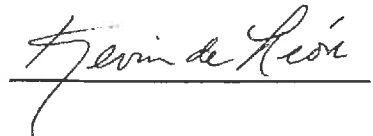

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