

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Richard klug

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2022 08:46 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0042-S3

**Comments for Public Posting:** We have tenants who can easily afford to pay rent but do not because you have enabled them not to. Two of our tenants paid on time for more than 4 years but now have not paid for more than two years. It was extremely difficult and frustrating but we were able to recover some of the money through Housing is Key. But if the tenant does not give them information, they will not pay their back rent. Since April 1. 2022 tenants are still not paying any rent and there is literally nothing we can do. They are defrauding us, the State of California and the City of Los Angeles but it is on the "honor system" so nobody is questioning them. This is crazy and must end. Everyone who wants a job has a job and there are no more excuses!

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**Name:** Edith and Christian Frere

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We are writing concerning the rent increase freeze. We have a low-cost housing building where the rents are at least 40% under the rental rates in the neighboring buildings. We have been unable to increase rents the usually permitted 3% per year since 2019, but insurance costs, trash collection fees and electricity have steadily gone up. In addition, we just had to pay an \$11,000 bill to repair pipes under the building. An increase of 3% for an apartment that rents for \$604 per month is only \$18 per month, but when one multiplies this by the number of units in the building, this would be a substantial help in covering the steadily rising expenses. We are not a huge company but rather a mom-and-pop apartment building owner, with a total of just 34 units in two buildings in the City of Los Angeles. All of our tenants have paid rent throughout the pandemic; they all have cell phones, big screen televisions and jobs, and it seems to me that the crisis in their case is well and truly over. In fact, all of our tenants continued to work throughout Covid, which made us happy as they have mostly been tenants for over 19 years, and we know most of them very well. They do not intend to move, and we would like to continue to provide excellent maintenance, and to replace things like coin-operated washing machines (\$1,200) and dryers (over \$1,000), as well as stoves (\$100+) and water heaters (\$600+) when required. It is really stretching our resources to not be able to pass along the very small increase in rents.

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**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** LANDLORDS BEING CHEATED BY TENANTS. This law is insane! Tenants can simply stop paying rent and do not have to prove or even state why they are doing so. Two of my 5+ year tenants who always paid rent, stopped paying 18 months ago, have new cars and re furnished their apartments and refuse to even apply for assistance. YOU HAVE ENABLED VERRY BAD BEHAVIOR. Please end this nightmare for owners. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marco G Ventura

**Date Submitted:** 04/23/2022 10:22 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Los Angeles City Council Committee Members: I am writing to urge you and the committee to please end the City of Los Angeles eviction moratorium and rent increase freeze at this time. I am a landlord with a few apartment units in the City of Los Angeles. Luckily most of my tenants have endured the pandemic safely and are now back to a normal routine. Around us, all sectors of the economy have reopened to normal levels. The job market is strong, people are aware of how to protect themselves from COVID illness, and comprehensive assistance is available for those who need it. At this juncture it's time for the City of Los Angeles to allow regular rental operations to resume. Costs are rising quickly, while some landlords have already been allowed to raise their rents, those who operate older maintenance intensive properties are still being unfairly restricted. Allowing people to forgo paying for housing without recourse is not right anymore. Please end the eviction moratorium and the rent freeze at this time. Continuing these policies beyond the justifiable emergency which has passed is bad for our communities, it is bad for housing providers, and it sends the wrong message to honest, hardworking citizens.