

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my extreme frustration and disappointment with the Council's continual extensions of the so-called State of Emergency in our city. The world has opened up, restaurants, bars, concert venues, etc. are full. The state and country have lifted their bans on eviction. People who want to work are working. Yet those who choose to take advantage of the situation continue to live rent free and rely on claims of Covid hardship without the need to produce any proof of such hardship. As the owner of a single ten-unit apartment building in Los Angeles, the city is literally taking income and future value directly out of my family's pocket through the prohibition on rent increases and the continued inability to evict a tenant who has now gone more than two years without paying a single penny of rent. In the meantime, the county raises my property tax, DWP raises my cost of utilities, insurance companies and other vendors pass along their inflation driven price increases to me, but I am left to bear the brunt of the city's inaction as costs go up and revenue goes down...squeezing me in the middle. I strongly urge the Los Angeles City Council to end the declared state of emergency at the earliest possible time.