

Communication from Public

Name: Martin Jorge

Date Submitted: 06/20/2022 09:44 AM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, Lift the eviction moratorium and rent freeze. The continuation of these “temporary” emergency powers is wrong and unjustified. Despite the enormous progress made both in our understanding of the COVID-19 virus and the economy, the Board continues policies that remain essentially the same as those that were instituted at the very beginning of this pandemic – ignoring entirely both the changed circumstances and the outsized impact such policies have had on the City’s housing providers. Jurisdictions across the nation have acted to end their eviction moratoriums and/or rent increase freezes. The City is going in the opposite direction and reintroducing measures that have not been utilized for close to a year. The state is winding down its emergency measures, acknowledging the improved environment. With the state rental assistance funds closed to new applicants, how does the City intend to provide immediate financial assistance to housing providers facing loss of income? These moratoriums were specifically intended as temporary measures in response to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Operational costs are skyrocketing. Housing providers continue to have no tools to combat nuisance behavior which is disrupting entire communities. These local emergency measures are being abused. It is critical that the City allow regular rental operations to resume. The City must lift the moratorium and rent freeze. I help house Los Angeles City and desperately need your help. Thank you for your consideration.

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Comments for Public Posting: LA City Tenants need Covid-19 protections to stay in place. Cases are going up again and by Fall another surge is being predicted. Wages across the city have taken a heavy hit from inflation across the board and the median price of a rental unit in LA is \$3,400. The possible phaseout of covid-19 tenant protections could result in thousands of evictions. Tenants have been relying on these protections to stay housed. We have heard an increasing number of stories of tenants being harassed and dealt with in underhanded ways by landlords who do everything just barely within the law to force tenants to move out. Please vote to keep Covid-19 protections in place.

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Comments for Public Posting: Oppose extension of eviction moratorium. It's been over 2 years now since the pandemic, and as nearly every business is back to normal, so should the rental industry. It's not fair to landlords to not be able to collect rent payment; "housing is keys" is not accepting anymore applications either. It's not fair that there is a rent increase freeze, as record high inflation and increased expenses, gas, across every business - all other businesses are able to increase their fees due to increase in expenses, and so should landlords. Please do not extend this moratorium any further, as even when it is lifted, there is another 1 year of this protection ongoing.

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Name: Andrea Clark

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Comments for Public Posting: We do NOT need a phaseout of COVID-19 protections with the numbers of infections still heavily affecting the population. What we do need are permanent protections for tenants.

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Name: David Mekertichyan

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Comments for Public Posting: We don't need to phaseout L.A. Covid-19 rental protections, we need to make them permanent! Tenants should be included in drafting any reports by housing department, this type of decisions can not be made without including the input of L. A. Tenants.

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Name: Kristina Meshelski

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not phase out tenant protections, we need PERMANENT tenant protections. You all know the numbers.

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Comments for Public Posting: The effects of the Covid 19 pandemic have not ended. When so many of us lost our jobs due to Covid, we were never able to make up for the lost income, it took many of us months or years to find employment again, many lost family members, for many, Covid turned into chronic illness. We are still struggling, and the city tenant protections, while not nearly strong enough, have helped us to hold on, and have offered some reassurance that our loved ones will not end up on the streets. I urge you to keep these protections in place. We have been relying on them and taking it away now, while Covid is surging again, would be cruel, and would show your constituents that all you care about is landlord and developers pockets, not families, not children, not the majority of this city who are renters. Show us who you support and represent, the people.

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a lifelong Los Angeles resident and a renter in CD 15. I am shocked at the prospect that the council may be trying to fast track an end to COVID renter protections at this moment. How can this city claim to be desperately trying to find solutions to a crisis of housing and houselessness, while allowing evictions to begin for those of us who are able to secure a home despite all odds? Shame on you.

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Name: Ryan Egan

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Comments for Public Posting: We must be doing everything possible to protect renters in our city. It's not just that covid hasn't gone anywhere and is still negatively impacting people, it's also that since the pandemic began it has only become more difficult and more expensive to stay housed in LA. Gas, food, transportation- everything is more expensive. Program after program put in place to help people survive the financial and emotional strain of covid have ended but the need has never gone away. We cannot lessen support for renters, and with the housing crisis in the city, doing so would send clear sign that the people in power do not care about the survival of a huge section of their constituents.

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Name: Ashley Brim

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Comments for Public Posting: As members of your teams are doing the vital work of housing people in your districts, more folks are falling into homelessness. For every person you house, more people lose their homes at the same time. We are not even treading water in terms of housing people and it is taking way too long to build affordable housing. Phasing out the eviction moratorium would be disastrous. It would result in many more unhoused people, as COVID cases are spiking, and temperatures are rising. Five people die on our streets every day! You need to be doing everything in your power to KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES and develop permanent protections for renters.