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Comments for Public Posting: No more local emergency in City of Los Angeles. All meetings are in person in your chambers, people are welcome to voice their opinions, the council members are promoting social gathering as attached on this note from council member Blumenfield promoting his 4th of July extravaganza in Woodland hills. Who are you trying to fool. You guys are breaking the ordinance by incentivizing mass social gathering of the public so you all shall be fine and penalize if it was a true emergency this shall no be proganda. Stop the local emergency and stop the eviction protections. Tenants can pay rent and they are not paying rent because you are promoting crime and thefts taking advantage of the millions of dollars invested on rent money that could be well spend on providing housing and battling homelessness. You guys are all thieves and the law will prevail

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Comments for Public Posting: With the passage of AB 2179 and the end of the California Emergency Rent Relief Program, I must ask what the City of Los Angeles intends to do to address the mounting rental debt caused by the continuing eviction moratoriums and the COVID-19 pandemic. I am writing to you as a landlord, but also as someone who works in affordable housing and homeless intervention programs. I have worked on Project Room Key and Project Home Key projects. I am currently working with an organization to create dorms for homeless community college students in Los Angeles. I am intimately acquainted with intricacies and challenges of housing in California. I know how the pandemic brought many Angelenos to their knees. I am grateful to those who rose up to lead the city through this unprecedented crisis. But what is next? The emergency orders have now been in place for nearly two and a half years. During this time, the city has balanced the safety, needs, rights, and demands of nearly 4 million people. I can only imagine how difficult it has been to weigh those decisions and I recognize the need to protect the most vulnerable among us. The eviction moratorium has done that, but I fear it has also created unintended consequences that now much be addressed. What is the city's plan to help renters from being crippled by debt? My family owns a single, one bedroom condo in Playa Vista. We have rented it to the same tenant since 2017 and used the income we received to rent a larger family home in Hawthorne. Since March of 2020, our tenant has accumulated \$40,900 in debt AFTER receiving the full amount of relief available to him through the ERAP program. If the city continues to allow renters to postpone rent, that debt will only grow, with no further help available to him. If he cannot pay even a portion of his rent now, how will he pay a mountain of back rent in addition to staying current once the emergency orders have lifted? The self-certification requirement for the city has left us in the dark as to how we can help our tenant with applying for unemployment, other job opportunities, and even some of the early rent relief programs. He has indicated that he has no intention of paying rent until he is absolutely required to do so, with no understanding that the debt he's accumulating isn't going to disappear. The city is well into its reopening plan. People are back to work. Hospitalizations remain at manageable levels. Our schools stayed

open and thriving for a full school year. And yet renters continue to rack up debt month after month. My husband and I have been fortunate to keep our jobs - and even picked up extra work during the pandemic to ensure we could pay our rent and the mortgage, property taxes, and homeowners dues for our condo. For 29 months, we have shouldered the expenses of two households and we are prepared to continue to do so. But not indefinitely. After 29 months, I struggle to understand how our tenant still can't pay anything toward his rent and I don't see any way for him to dig himself out of the mountain of debt he owes. What does the city intend to do for renters like him, who have exhausted state funds and are still accumulating more and more debt? How long will small landlords have to absorb these losses, with no proof of need and no limitations? At what point will the city determine we have recovered enough that tenants can begin paying rent again? We must give tenants time to pay the rent they already owe, but it is foolish and dangerous to allow them to continue to add to that debt.