

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Like many others have expressed, this LA City eviction moratorium needs to end NOW. Although Covid-19 is still present and very real, the U.S. has done a great job of coping with it. Unemployment is at an all time low, and those who are looking for a job, are able to find one. Everywhere you go, there are "Help Wanted" signs. This law is doing nothing but hurting responsible homeowners and allowing tenants to take advantage of us. My tenant moved in on February 1, 2021 with a 1-year lease. My property is a 4-bedroom, 2018-built, single-family home. She paid 5 months up front plus the security deposit. As soon as the next payment came due (July of 2021), the lies started. She said she mailed the payment, when she hadn't. She said she was going to mail another check with tracking, which never happened. Then, over a month later, she sent me a check for 2-months of rental payments. The check bounced. Since then, she's told me multiple times she's going to make the payments, but has not. Then she stops communicating and responding to all forms of communication. I finally was able to reach her and let her know about the rent relief program. We applied in September of 2021. The application is still pending. They won't release any information to me, as it's a tenant-based program, and my tenant is uncooperative and unresponsive, so I'm left in the dark. Even if the application is finally approved, the program only pays until March of 2022. She said she was going to send the April and May payments as we wait on the rental assistance application. Of course, that never happened. I have not received payments from July of 2021 until present. On top of that, I'm getting delinquency notices for her water and sewage service for which she's responsible. No lawyer that I've contacted will take on the case because of the LA City laws. My hands are tied while I'm making mortgage payments for 2 properties, my primary residence and the rental. I decided to rent that property out even though it new, bigger, and nicer than the condo I live in as a means to make some extra money in hopes of a better future for myself and my family. My wife is currently 10-months pregnant and we need more room. Yet, I can't move in to my own house while someone else gets to live there for free as I make the mortgage, property tax, and HOA payments. This has to stop. Someone has to think about the small-time landlords like me who are getting crushed by these

laws. Where is our assistance? Why are you forcefully taking my property out of my control when I've responsibly made all mortgage and property tax payments? How is this even lawful? I'm all for solving our homelessness problem, but this isn't the way to do it. Tenants are taking advantage and holding us hostage because you have given them that power.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, I am a tenant in a 10-unit apartment building in Korea Town. I too have received a flyer from a tenant advocacy group requesting that tenant's revolt against landlords by stop paying rent. I was shocked that people are maliciously abusing the law to live rent free. My landlord is an elderly Korean man who immigrated here years ago to escape North Korea. When I received the flyer, I presented to my landlord. I was stunned to learn from my landlord that this tenant advocacy group has been soliciting his tenants and other tenants in the neighborhood from paying rent. Apparently, landlords in Korea town are aware of this tenant's rights group which advocate that tenant take control of their destiny by bankrupting their landlords and taking control of their buildings. The eviction moratorium has gone too far in empowering tenants to bankrupt their landlords without the fear of retribution. The madness must end. I do not support the eviction moratorium. I urge the City Councilmembers to do the same.

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Name: Susan

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Comments for Public Posting: Hope I'm not interrupting your busy morning trying to figure out how to use the latest covid intrusion to keep the moratorium going full speed ahead! But here's the problem, as well as our usual huge disappointment and anger at our city 'politicians'...the State of Emergency is illegal. AND you are the ones breaking the rules. So, unless you can figure out a way to announce another shut-down, without losing your heads, I suspect you ought to start rowing your ducks to The End. I can only imagine how difficult this will be for you given so many of your members tend to lean in on the side of corruption as well as really questionable prejudice against property owners. So, none of you have property, not even, say, one small-ish rental property? That should be investigated as well as the rumor that karen wants to bring bonin on her team...? Also, I am Really Curious as to what the procedure will be re evictions of tenants who have not paid, not done paperwork and are Moratorium Squatters. So, eviction (no rent for over 2 years quickly heading to three) PLUS relocation monies? What's up with that, City Council and our Mayor heading out the door with his bio on Gandhi under his arm? Curious Sue (Dear Curious Sue, please stop bothering us. We have no answers! It's not that we aren't trying to solve this mess we have created, it's just...oh damnit,girl, we don't know HOW!) yours truly, loser city council