

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: We have an illegal subletter in our home. In normal times upon finding out of an illegal occupant we would have evicted the illegal subletter without blinking. Instead, upon discovery from the start of the State of Emergency we took the guidance of Mayor Garcetti & Governor Newsom to work with our 'tenants' including this illegal subletter in our family home. Little did we know in listening to the Mayor and Governor we have walked into a legal trap as the illegal subletter was grooming us during these dire times for profit as he has done so before. As it turns out the illegal subletter is a professional plaintiff with a long history of civil suits and is a convicted felon. We would never ever had been associated with this 'protected tenant' had we did not listen to Mayor Garcetti & Governor Newsom or our due-process rights not be stripped away. Due to the subletter's tenancy we have been cited by Building & Safety and have been given an Order to Comply (with fines) thanks to being empathetic but sadly because of having trust in the County & City leadership. Aside from the DBS fines we will be subject to statutory Relocation Fees along with further legal liability because we followed Mayor Garcetti & Governor Newsom. Yet due to the City blanket ban we cannot remedy this situation despite having an Order to Comply to do so. The irony! The professional plaintiff knowing protections given to him by the County & City took the liberty to personally extort us for a hefty high 5-figure cash buyout or face further legal aggravation while he continues to use our family home entirely for FREE. So effectively by listening to Garcetti and Newsom's we do not get any relief or appreciation only legal and monetary liability and while the professional plaintiff will walk away without repercussions and with a Relocation Fee payout. DBS, LAHD, LADBCA and officials from Cedillo's office have all told us themselves they are aware there is a lot of fraud with tenants taking advantage of this Emergency. They advise us to let the Supervisors and City Council know. That's what brings me here today, again. The Supervisors & City Council needs to come up with solutions and at a minimum give housing-providers due-process rights back. My question to the Supervisors and City Council is, will there be relief programs, free legal aid for these fines and statutory Relocation Fees for housing-providers that took the guidance of the Mayor and Governor? Or will there just

be more resources and protections for 'tenants' so this professional plaintiff can continue to profit? We do not qualify for rental-assistance since this is an illegal sublet. What is the County & City going to do for us since we kept criminal Angelenos safe and housed for 28-months FOR FREE! It is imperative to fix this by expiring this poorly constructed Moratorium.