

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 11:42 AM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: The problem with increased rents does not stem from the private real estate sector. As long as California and specifically the City of Los Angeles continue draconian permit fees, restrictions, costly building codes...there will never be enough affordable housing. Unless the government is willing to be the providers of housing and turn this city into a socialist/communist city, you have to allow those who are in the business of development and rental management be able to profit from their investment and hard work. Like any other business such as health care, food, clothing, building materials, construction and rental management is a business and it entitled to make a profit. If you took this attitude to Kroger, Costco, Home Depot...and told them not to profit they would simply leave the city. Why is it that the housing industry is the only one faced with such limiting restriction that they literally cannot breathe. The way I see it, you cant have it both ways. You simply cannot mandate costly rules such as outlawing natural gas in homes and expect there not to be a cost to the end user which in this case is the renter. Lets just see what happens when a home without gas needs to heat the home in the winter and gets an astronomical electricity bill, and not to mention strain on the power grid. Housing like food, health, clothing...is a for profit industry. One that is supposed to be regulated under the laws of this country. But it seems lately that the rights of housing providers are the sole group having all their rights taken away and vilified as being the source of all bad. In reference to that last statement, i would like to bring to your attention the eviction moratorium. How is it that nullifying signed legal contracts between two parties be justified? How is it that housing providers, the very people who are needed in the city the most are treated as the bad guy and have their rights taken away while at the same time need to continue paying mortgage, tax, insurance, upkeep, repairs...this is not equal treatment under the law. Worse yet is the "Self Certification" process which allows dishonest tenants a license to steal. This is truly unconstitutional. And anyone who continues to support this theft of income from many small landlords should be dealt with legally and bring this to a stop. The actions of a few elected individuals is causing much harm to the housing situation and small landlords.

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Name: Rebecca Cannon

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Comments for Public Posting: Many senior citizens have lived in their same apartment for many years. Rent increases have far outpaced their fixed income. I propose that any senior that has lived in same apartment, for 10 years or longer, is exempt from any rent increases entirely. I propose any utility increase be exempt as well; or subsidized by the city. Rent controlled apartment building owners cannot evict seniors because they cannot pay any more increases. If a senior has paid for decades, they need to stay housed in the same apartment.

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Comments for Public Posting: Four decades of rent control has produced what economists know. Housing supply and affordability is a disaster. Your minion mayor admits that housing is the top three problems for LA. The existing cowardly council continues a draconian emergency order that is literally destroying the economic viability of the RSO units that is the only affordable stock in the city. Now come the vulture investors that will destroy further stock by purchasing from the exhausted and demoralized mom and pop owners. President Martinez promised support but as usual it's another empty political promise as she cowers in her Covid cocoon. Show leadership Councilmembers or get out of the way. I'm a democrat who voted for Garcetti twice. I'm a fool!

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Name: Jenny

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Comments for Public Posting: Please keep in place the eviction moratorium. Renters are still reeling from the effects of the pandemic, not just with regards to new cases but with regards to long covid and disability. Put simply, it will cost more to rehouse us once we are rendered homeless if you end the moratorium than if we are kept in the safety of our own homes. Please also help support mom and pop landlords with any further funding. Thank you.

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Name: jodee b

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Comments for Public Posting: I am troubled by the current rent increase moratorium. The problem is that as a small landlord, my costs have increased with current inflation and I can't keep up without some increases in rent. This situation makes it more likely that we will sell our small buildings which serve low income renters and section 8 tenants. The buyers will likely be developers who raze the buildings and construct luxury apts or condominiums. If you REALLY care about helping low income renters, allow some rent increases to help the small landlords survive. And consider adding rent control for all units at least 10 years old instead of the current law which only controls buildings built before 1978 (44 year old buildings). Thank you for allowing this post. Respectfully Submitted.

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Name: William Grueneberg

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Comments for Public Posting: To All Los Angeles City Council Members: Regarding the current zoning situation in Los Angeles, and the NIMBY resistance to the kind of new development we desperately need in order to fight homelessness in Southern California, I want to suggest that the entire L.A. City Council and Mayor work hard to encourage development of new, large, multi-story multi-unit housing directly on their own property lines. I recently suggested this to Councilmember Raman. It would be a brilliant message to send to home owners that are currently "protected" by zoning laws from such development. Please report it publicly, as your own sign of support, when you start construction in your own neighborhoods, preferably directly next door to your current residences. Thank you! We can do this together, but only if our leaders truly support it!

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Name: Joseph Landry

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a small business owner. I worked hard and saved to purchase a house by the 101 freeway in Whitley heights. The American dream right? It was until I watched as my safety and quality of life erode as the city has allowed homelessness and lawlessness to proliferate. My neighborhood now resembles an anarchist nightmare covered in graffiti where the homeless sell drugs out in the open. I have to endure walking through human waste and heaps of trash to take my dog for a walk. Talk about trusting my elected officials! Why should I? The first step in getting me to do so is to clean up the streets. Until then I won't be voting for anyone that has any other priority on their docket which precedes that. It's step one in getting some faith back in government.

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Name: william weiner

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Comments for Public Posting: I agree that the "developers" who want to change the beautiful golf course and park like acreage into a giant sports arena is an example of what you speak of in your letter/bullitin just received. You must not let it happen, you have the say so to stop this move before it gets out of hand and the inhabitants of the surrounding neighborhoods are stuck in the middle of a giant re developement that NO ONE wants or needs except the developers and perhaps their partners in government who do not live in the area of course. Do the right thing Councilmember. Thanks.

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Name: Lawrence Ginsberg

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Comments for Public Posting: Before you get people's hopes up on a new way of funding campaigns, you should speak to your attorneys about the US Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United. Like it or not, the Supreme Court has turned this into a First Amendment issue, and the present Court would be expected to lean even more in that direction.

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Name: William Villarreal

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Comments for Public Posting: I read with great interest, Nithya Raman's recounting of the early zoning days in Los Angeles and how big business used money and lobbying to influence the City Council into zoning laws which were preferentially friendly to developers. Some of those decisions were obviously driven by illegal business transactions between lawmakers and business leaders; a practice that seems to still be a part of our city today. I grew up in LA, born in Boyle Heights in 1951 and later moved to Montebello. Since the mid-70's I've lived in different parts of the city from Mar Vista to Hollywood and now Los Feliz and I've seen those neighborhoods necessarily change over the years because of population growth. That's the real housing problem to solve - how to house the thousands of people who move here every year. For me, I also want to preserve the LA I know and love and keep it's unique character; one that distinguishes it from New York City, Chicago, Boston, San Francisco and other big US cities. I don't want it to turn into NYC with giant apartment/condo buildings everywhere. The idea of turning Hillhurst or Vermont in my neighborhood into a multistory condo/retail corridor upsets me because it steals the unique experience the neighborhood has to offer while making giant corporate developers rich. Let them build in underdeveloped areas where the influx of new affordable housing will make a difference not in existing low-rise residential neighborhoods with a culture that's been established over the years. But the city should enforce true affordable housing development. That's not likely to happen since there's less profit for those corporate developers. Many who settle here from back east see LA's young-ish architecture and dismiss it because it's not 200 years old - they tear down 1900's era old buildings because they are deemed unimportant. That's an Easterner's perspective on LA's culture. Los Angeles is not New York City or Chicago; we have our own LA culture and we should keep it that way. Thanks, Bill

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Name: Mike Szymanski

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Comments for Public Posting: I am unclear why if my car is parked in front of my house for more than 72 hours, I get a ticket, yet for 5-6 months I've seen the same RVs and vans parked on Cahuenga north of the Hollywood Bowl. Even when I take our camper to any site, we have to pay a fee, and I'm not sure why there is this exempt area in our district that allows people to not only park for free for any length of time, but completely trash the neighborhood not far from our beloved Valley View Elementary School. The dangers and frustrations of this situation has caused many teachers to retire early and the principal; I to abandon the school district all together. (That, and the fact that the Barham Ramp was closed, which was why the previous councilman was not re-elected.) Car break-ins, including mine 2 times, and my nephew's have occurred more and more because of the homeless sleeping on the street, in the park we look down on across Milner Road, and the Cahuenga Blvd. bridge compound. Although it was nice to see them cleared out from the triangle, we drove by this week and my nephew and I saw a woman pooping in the park that was in fact fenced in. Anyway, I would love to see the trash and mess cleaned up along Cahuenga, and near the Bowl for our safety. Thanks, -mike szymanski
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