

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I don't believe that I am incorrectly reading the meaning of the latest COVID post on LAHD, reflecting the latest action by the LA City Council. The State of Emergency Declaration has yet again been extended to August 2023 which means disastrous results for many Landlords who still have to pay mortgage payments, upkeep expenses, property taxes, and insurance. In my opinion, this latest action is nothing short of an unlawful and unconstitutional Taking by the City of LA under the guise of a State of Emergency Declaration. The opportunity to commit Tenant fraud is wide open when all the Tenant has to do is serve a one page Covid Declaration on the Landlord, who in turn is not permitted to do any type of follow-up like requesting financial record verification from the Tenant. Employment opportunities right now are better than they have been for years, but where is the motivation for people to find gainful employment if the City of LA is providing free housing? What is to stop a new Tenant paying rent for a couple of months and then nothing more until August 2023 (or later), claiming that nonpayment of rent is due to "Covid-19 economic impact." The City council knows full well that the likelihood of landlords eventually being paid all their rental arrears is slim to none. The State of California pays only 18 months of rental arrears for qualifying Tenants, and it has been over two years since the eviction moratorium was declared, and will be 3 1/2 years by August 2023. To add insult to injury, hiring lawyers to sue Tenants to prove that the nonpayment of rent is not "due to Covid economic impact" (a very broad statement) is expensive and pointless if they are claiming that they cannot even pay the current rent, and from personal experience I know that suing the City is an arduous and fruitless endeavor (although a class action should not ruled out). What does this wide open and purposefully vague latest post by the City actually mean?: "Effective July 29, 2023, the City Council extended the State of Emergency Declaration. Therefore, the City's eviction protections for non-payment of rent due to COVID-19 economic impact are in effect until August 2023." When are Tenants required to start paying the full rent again? Do Tenants get 12 months from August 2023 (to August 2024) to pay the rent arrears? What qualifies as Covid economic impact? Does the Covid economic impact extend to any renter at any time between now an August 2023? Will

these extensions which include a moratorium on evictions ever end? LA City is doing nothing more than placing it's own housing problems on the backs of individual Landlords. In what is supposed to be a democratic society, us Landlords may as well be living in Russia or China.

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Only Lee seems to be not in anyone's back pocket and is actually he seems to acutally be looking out for small business, and the real welfare of Los Anegles county.. Mom and Pops have traditionally been the backbone of this city, and of this nation. Los Angeles, I believe, is the only city that has not lifted this moratorium. It is outrageous and corrupt.. There must be a real motivatal factor that escapes me.. When will it stop? What has to happen? DO tell us, the landlords, the housing providers, what the secret hand shake is to stop this nonsense? STOP THE RENT MORATORIUM AND ALLOW US TO RETUN TO PROPER BUSINESS AS USUAL..