

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ben Nicolas

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**Comments for Public Posting:** If the public health situation due to Covid-19 is so bad that we are still in a "state of emergency"..... why are schools open? why are non essential businesses open? why have city offices re-opened? why have mask mandates been lifted? how is public transportation safe? why can people attend music festivals and sporting events w/o masks? You are depriving property owners of their rights. Not only is the issue of allowing perfectly healthy, working tenants to commit fraud by "self declaring" they have been effected by Covid to avoid paying rent or having their rent raised egregious but you are depriving property owners of their right to live in their own properties, get rid of tenants that aren't following rules or allow owners to perform at fault & no fault evictions allowed under RSO You are causing damages that could have legal & financial repercussions for the city....even if the city doesn't pay a price for this, property owners will take greater precautions with tenants with borderline financials to avoid getting left holding the bag in the future....this will create further hardships on low income and marginalized communities seems like this is an abuse of temporary powers to accomplish progressive political agendas related to homelessness and affordable housing that stakeholders in the city voted against

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I understand the original intent behind the Eviction Moratorium. The challenge is we as landlords also have financial obligations, and we are not exempt from them. I am a middle-class landlord and do not own many rental properties -- only one. Even though my tenant has been paying so far, I live under the constant threat that they will stop paying. Not because they are in distress, but because they are tenants who are problematic, and who are always looking for ways to work the system. I have not raised the rent in 3 years, but now I am in fear that if I raise the rent at all that they will claim financial distress due to COVID. There needs to be more of an onus of proof on the tenants, and a way for landlords to seek remedy without a drawn-out and costly process. If my tenant stops paying I will most likely go into default with my mortgage. And, while tenants are supposed to repay their indebtedness, they will most likely disappear overnight leaving me with the loss.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ana

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**Comments for Public Posting:** You have put the burden of the pandemic on landlords for over 30 months now with 0 accountability. Take responsibility for your constituents, it is not a landlords responsible to house someone for 3 years for free. How is that fair? We have to pay bills and covid happened to landlords as well. Inflation is the highest it's ever been and you expect us to front the bill on your free housing for people affected by covid. Wake up and realise that we are coming after you with the lawsuits and we will win. The city will owe so much money in damages and all of you will be out of jobs, that's the reality for your negligence of continuing this moratorium every month without a solution knowing full well a tenant will never be able to pay back 30 months of rent in 12 months. There is no more rent relief money left. It is disgusting what the city council members are doing for votes. You'll turn on the tenants after the election the way you turned your backs on landlords. When you see the devastating amount of homelessness after the moratorium is lifted know that you have caused that, you let it happen. Shame on all of you.