

Communication from Public

Name: Response to tenant post from 9.6.22

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Comments for Public Posting: I really can't help but laugh at these tenants who have completely abused the system and still want more. Hey buddy, what about the landlords who haven't received a dime for two years while having to pay mortgage, property tax, insurance and repair costs? You now realize you can't afford to pay back the rent you owe? How about you don't abuse the system and go live somewhere you can actually afford. That's how the world should work. Instead of just expecting handouts left and right. My tenant lives in a nicer house than I do because of this bs. You know why? Because that's what I can afford and I live within my means while the government bails out my tenant. EVERYONE has been affected by the pandemic, yet only tenants have received this bs protection. And you have the audacity to complain? No wonder this country and the world is in the state it's in.

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Comments for Public Posting: City Council, I have questions: I am deeply troubled by the report being blatantly on the side of tenants with no recognition of mom & pop landlords. Why have those of us with one to 6 or so units not received a carve-out from housing and City Council? We are grouped with corporations, investor groups and non-profits. As heretofore successful small businesses we have now been forced to provide free housing, initially helped by funding programs that went quickly broke, that left tenants in place because of "self-declaration for covid impact." Yet, how do they have the money to make large purchases: cars, appliances, vacations...etc.? You, the Council Members know this is true, as do we. We also know many have been and are working under-the-table. Yet with this 'protected' grift and cheating, it is only now a perjury rule is to be required? How will this be verified? Why has no one demanded proof of covid actually impacting these self-declaring tenants? Is there even a list of those claiming impact? There should be, they've been getting 'paid' in free rent. Does no one pay attention to the CDC announcements? Or is it easier to pretend shut-down mentality is still the norm? There is much in the report about the rights of low-income tenants and the threat of more homelessness being our fault if we evict non-paying tenants. Veiled threats that we, as mom & pop landlords, are expected to assume responsibilities that no other small business has ever been tasked to do. We are not banks, or social service providers. We are not non-profits or NGOs. Why doesn't CC work with and negotiate with the corporations and investor groups for affordable housing? They have the huge inventories. Why are we thoughtlessly and, worse, purposely included in that group? I think because it is easy for you to bully us with scary reports that leave us facing no recourse and mounting debt. You load onto us burdens of providing increased protections for tenants, huge sums for relocation fees, large fines should we 'harass' tenants, and rob us of the government right to occupy our homes. How is this not discrimination? How is this not willful injury to a group lawfully and legally running small businesses? How in the world are tenants who haven't and won't pay rent going to come up with thousands to repay landlords in late 2023? Why have you basically added six months (60 day notice) to an already out of control debt that can't be paid? Can you even begin to answer

that? How can you pretend that covid is still a big enough of threat to continue a moratorium so faulty and useless? Do you think we don't know covid rules and palliative treatments? We are Small Businesses, what we provide are rentals to tenants who pay rent. You are using us as finance sources, social services providers, and a free ride for those who fake covid impact. Why is there only ONE City Council member, John Lee, who understands we are a small business. You are holding us hostage because of your inability to negotiate with corporate and investment property owners, non-profits funded by donors, and the many, many government funding sources available to help you. Seriously, isn't it just a little too obvious to use us as an excuse for the complete strategic failure of city's State of Emergency and no-fault eviction moratorium.