

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Mayor & City Council, I was alerted that the County of Los Angeles was asking for all Housing Providers in Los Angeles to sign onto an email to the Board of Supervisors asking the moratorium to be lifted. Of course I did, and upon further checking I learned that, not only were our voices welcomed, but the county's Chief Executive Office realized small property owners did experience declines in rental revenues by 50 percent or more and they began taking steps to aid those landlords. But obviously, the need far outpaced the aid. But still how remarkable to not only be sympathetically recognized but indeed steps, however small, taken to alleviate the insurmountable problems we all faced. Both in city and county, some of us sold our property, some used most or all of our savings, some filed for bankruptcy and those of us still hanging on to our "small businesses" have done our best to keep our properties. Whereas our own City Council, so blatantly protecting and valuing tenants to the degree that as mom & pops we became victims of great discrimination that at times has felt vindictive. We were painted as the enemy. With no legal carve-out from the corporations and investors, we were treated the same. Rich, venal, greedy and out to get what we could. There was no recognition of the true misery and problems so dire, The Report was forced to recognize and offer assistance although with the moratorium still in place nothing has really been solved or amended. But rather, vote after vote after vote all against lifting except for one. Instead, with The Report, it has worsened. Whomever the new administration is, I can only hope they have good sense, good leadership skills and the ability to do an elected job without favoritism. Not only that but have the experience needed to do legal carve-out for the small property owners in Los Angeles who indeed are the affordable choice.