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Dear Sirs/Madams;

Small business rental housing providers are already reeling from over two years of challenging rent collections, ban on rent increases, and enormous increases in building and operational costs which continue to rise during this hyperinflationary period. Simultaneously, over the last two years, City rates and fees including for the Systematic Code Enforcement Program (SCEP), RecycLA, and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power have also significantly increased.

- Only rental housing providers remain subject to these expansive COVID measures – no other businesses have been subjected to prohibitions that freeze prices, limit legal remedies for pursuing revenue collections or impede contractual agreements.
- Nearly all of other jurisdictions across the Country have lifted similar moratoriums.
- Despite the significant strides made both in our understanding of the virus and the economy, the City's emergency policies remain unchanged from those that were instituted at the very beginning of this pandemic.
- NOW is the time for the Rental Housing Industry, like all other businesses, to be allowed to resume normal business operations.
- These moratoriums were intended as temporary emergency measures in response to an unprecedented event and must not be used as the impetus to hastily advance permanent housing policies without thoughtful deliberation.

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