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Comments for Public Posting: Resolution from the LA Board of Animal Services
Commissioners

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September 12, 2022

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
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The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
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Attention: Ms. Heleen Ramirez, Office of the Mayor

**RE: REQUEST TO LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL FOR CONTINUED PROTECTION AGAINST
EVICTIONS FOR PETS FOR THOSE ADOPTING PETS DURING THE COVID STATE OF
EMERGENCY**

Recommendation for Council Action, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. **APPROVE** a request from the Board of Animal Services Commissioners to the Los Angeles City Council to take the appropriate action to ensure that all tenants who adopted animals during the LA City's COVID 19 State of Emergency and have been protected by the City's COVID eviction protections approved by the City Council and signed into law by the Mayor continue to be protected from eviction based on having pets after the State of Emergency expires or the COVID eviction protection are amended.
2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to transmit this recommendation to the Mayor and City Council for consideration.

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SUBJECT: Transmittal to Mayor and Council
REQUEST TO LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL FOR CONTINUED PROTECTION AGAINST
EVICTIONS FOR PETS FOR THOSE ADOPTING PETS DURING THE COVID STATE OF
EMERGENCY

SUMMARY

In May 2020 the City of Los Angeles adopted Ordinance No. 186606 which set forth regulations regarding residential and commercial evictions during the COVID-19 "Safer at Home" Declaration of Emergency period ("Local Emergency Period"). The ordinance established Section 49.99.2 (Prohibition on Residential Evictions) which included clause C, which reads as follows: "No Owner shall endeavor to evict or evict a residential tenant based on the presence of unauthorized occupants or pets, or for nuisance related to COVID-19 during the Local Emergency Period."

As the COVID pandemic slowly winds down, it is increasingly likely that the City, for a variety of serious reasons, will soon alter or repeal some elements of the eviction regulations adopted in 2020. This likelihood suggests that companion animals who have been living in rental units where they previously weren't permitted could be placed in jeopardy of being displaced. This in turn could lead to a rash of relinquishments to the City's crowded animal shelters.

In order to mitigate that possibility, the City Council should incorporate into any new ordinance altering LAMC 49.99.2.C a provision requiring landlords and building managers to allow any companion animal residing in a unit pursuant to that section to continue residing there for the duration of the animal's natural life, or the tenant either relocates or voluntarily relocates the animal, and to refrain from evicting any tenant whose animal is in residence based on Section 49.99.2.C.

At its meeting on August 23, 2022, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners approved this item for recommendation to the Mayor and City Council for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,



Annette G. Ramirez
Interim General Manager

Attachment: Adopted Board Report – Request to Los Angeles City Council for Continued Protection Against Evictions for Pets for Those Adopting Pets During the Covid State of Emergency

cc: Jacqueline Reyes, City Administrative Officer

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: August 23, 2022

PREPARED BY: Annette Ramirez

REPORT DATE: August 12, 2022

TITLE: Interim General Manager

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL FOR CONTINUED PROTECTION
AGAINST EVICTIONS FOR PETS FOR THOSE ADOPTING PETS DURING THE
COVID STATE OF EMERGENCY**

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

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2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to transmit this recommendation to the Mayor and City Council for consideration.

BACKGROUND:

The following report was requested by Board President Larry Gross.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the general fund.

Approved:



Annette G. Ramirez, Interim General Manager

BOARD ACTION:

<u> X </u>	Passed	Disapproved	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	Passed with noted modifications	Continued	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	Tabled	New Date	<u> </u>

Communication from Public

Name: susan

Date Submitted: 09/16/2022 09:16 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilman DeLeon, I READ ALL SIX PAGES OF YOUR LETTER ON PUBLIC POST, DO ME A RETURN AND READ MY RESPONSE I am in your district. Almost every night there are choppers above your tiny house village on Figueroa because of fights, theft, etc. All they do is go across the street to the Eagle Rock Rec Center and shoot up in the park. I do know that Union Station, the non-profit that has been tasked with your village, is an exemplary organization. But even they cannot control your village. Apparently, there is no leading from the top. I guess you are too busy on skid row where there are dozens of nonprofits at work. Here in Eagle Rock there is an ongoing recall for you that is growing. This is because you apparently are clueless as to the rest of your constituents, middle class and lower middle class--to use antiquated class language--that need you to intervene, help and show leadership. You do not reply to phone call, to emails, to demonstrations. How dare you dismiss landlords, the ones that 'clutter' your area and going into Cedillo's area, with affordable housing. Housing is key covered 18 months and for most landlords even less than that. A big misconception is that housing is key is paying all the debt. It is not. Landlords of small units, small buildings have been totally screwed by your moratorium that was hastily put in place and totally without strategy. In fact, just use your own words re your dismissal of the Report by Housing and apply it to those of you who instigated the moratorium and who now cannot fix it. Now you are trying to delay the end, 12/31/22 because...there are still the SAME problems that were pre-pandemic. Homelessness and no affordable housing. What have you and this current administration been doing? Nothing. Well, two of you are in deep trouble for bribery, the rest of you making a lot of noise about tenants. Why do you then condone tenant groups who have gone from door to door in apartment complex and small rental properties telling tenants they don't have to pay rent. Particularly since WE are the affordable housing! You say you have no statistics on landlords facing immense debt, many about to lose their properties, tenants who mock and damage and do so with bold equanimity. Tenants who have new cars, new appliances, take vacations. Obviously, you do not read the two public postings, or your emails. We small lot landlords are not organized like tenant groups. We have jobs,

are retired, managing our properties with no help, resources or apparently any interest since we are not newsworthy. Why have you not spoken with your colleague John Lee, who did have the interest to meet with us, listen to a few stories, some of the worse ones, and who does know how you and your gang have totally screwed over us small business owners. Your ignorant and self-satisfied rebuttal to us all who are in untenable situations is disgusting and without merit. You have no knowledge. This city has always had some city hall corruption, in particular the last regime and certainly this one. You all are elected officials yet none of you seem to realize that. You are only concerned with getting in the news; Kevin, red convertible, looking into street takeovers, etc and so on. All of this because you can't manage affordable housing or figure out what to do with homeless. Make deals with BIG corporations and Investor groups to help with affordable housing as they have housing stock DO A C
ARVE-OUT FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE "SMALL" LANDLORDS. And, whatever happened to some huge building in south LA that a concerned person wanted to buy and convert into homeless shelters and services...oh, wait, you caved because of nimby. Personally, I have written to you, talked to and exchanged emails with your field offices in 2021 up to now asking for help. I got an automated call during the heat wave about cooling centers. Thanks, dude. I am 81, I have 3 on a lot, my tenants who do pay rent, but will not leave. I desperately need to owner occupy because I have a severe, chronic lung disease and have to hike up an 84-foot incline, it's not steep, it's just so fucking hard for an old person. I have to carry bags, water, cat litter all sorts of stuff. I live alone. I have taken care of myself my entire life. I have a good tenant in 2nd back house (who does help me, but she has her own life and I cannot continually ask her for help). The tenants in main house have stolen from me, electricity for god's sake, thousands of dollars over 5 years!!, cheated on rent, and I couldn't get rid of them earlier because I did not have relocation \$. Now I do, they pay low rent for my comfortable and accessible house. I want to live out my remaining years in my house. I will NOT go to assisted living, I will NOT sell, I WILL live in my house. You want to come help me carry up all my crap or END THE MORATORIUM? You are literally killing me.

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Name: Jennifer Choe

Date Submitted: 09/16/2022 10:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Committee Members, It is long past time for the local eviction moratorium and rent freeze to end. The pandemic crises should not be used to rush through permanent regulations that are counterproductive to shared goals of making housing more affordable and available in the city. As a housing provider, I do not understand why a rent freeze remains on properties when the economy is fully reopened, employment is robust, and operational costs skyrocket. The freeze should not continue. Housing providers need financial flexibility to operate. State and federal action put in place permanent protections for those effected by the pandemic and disbursed billions of dollars in rental assistance. Despite the enormous progress made both in our understanding of COVID-19 and the economy, the city continues policies that remain the same as those that were instituted at the very beginning of this pandemic – ignoring entirely both the changed circumstances and the outsized impact such policies have had on the city’s housing providers. The local moratorium was specifically intended as a temporary measure in response to the onset of the pandemic. At this juncture, it is critical that the city allow regular rental operations to resume. The justification for the temporary actions in 2020 no longer reflects today’s reality. The moratorium and rent freeze must end now. I know owners who have sold their properties due to these measures. These continued measures are bad for our communities and will make housing more expensive and harder to find. I help house Los Angeles and desperately need help. Thank you.

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Name: David padilla
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Comments for Public Posting: End LA City's Eviction Moratorium.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jun Sakumoto", with a stylized, flowing script.

Jun Sakumoto
Chief Operating Officer

Communication from Public

Name: Destroyed small landlord

Date Submitted: 09/16/2022 09:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Lawmakers - it's a shame that you have gotten the LA city mom and pop landlords to the brink of destruction with your draconian policies to protect "just" the tenants. Every policy I hear is pro tenants. Do you see us , do we matter to you ?!! I feel trapped in the poisonous web that you have laid out with absolutely no way out . I am unable to support the property that I paid for and I saved for and I secured with a financial obligation that I have. I have been fooled and made a mockery of my the same La city council which talks about affordable housing. I am the bloody affordable housing provider that you are screwing over and over . LA county had the courage to rip the bandaid off - they are on track to ending the moratorium in December . Shame on you all who are enabling the complacency in tenants to not pay us. Collectively the govt is scheming in killing the small mom and pop landlords . BRAVO Bonin and RAman , Bravo!!! You have bad karma and blood on your hands and so are the tenants who continue to ask for perpetual protections . I am a hardworking woman with 2 kids and I work an avg of 10- 12 hr days. I have no luxury of not paying my taxes, not paying my hoa and not paying for insurance. I am raising my 2 kids but teaching them to be accountable . Things that my 13 year old can understand but the grown ass adults and city council cannot comprehend. Enough of looting us in broad daylight . Stop this eviction moratorium and rent increase freeze. If you want to help homeless. Train the needy, enable them to do the work, motivate them to make a living and help them. You want to protect tenants, do that for the ones who are in certain zip codes . My unit in Woodland Hills is not for folks who cannot afford it. So your blanket protections are misused by many and I am the victim of this. All the tenant activists, media, politicians make tenants the victim but hey we, the small landlords are the real victims. END THE MORATORIUM AND MAKE the tenants pay the damn rent .