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September 13, 2022

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
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Subj: Council File # 21-0042-S3

Dear Councilmembers:

I am a co-founding member of the Coalition of Small Rental Property Owners (CSRPO), a growing alliance of “mom and pop” landlords advocating for the preservation of the small rental housing industry and equitable solutions for property owners and their tenants.

I implore you to end the eviction moratorium and rent freeze no later than December 31, 2022.

Small rental property owners have suffered significantly in the past 2.5 years since we have been unable to collect rent in exchange for the housing we provide. In those years, the expense to maintain our properties has increased dramatically. Members of the CSRPO and other “mom and pop” owners have depleted their own emergency savings, taken on multiple jobs, and borrowed from family and friends to stay afloat while being forced to house tenants for free (*even those tenants who have the ability pay but choose not to do so because landlords have no recourse!*). Others have lost or been forced to sell their properties, have chosen to keep units off the market that have become vacant during the moratorium, or are considering leaving the small rental property industry in Los Angeles entirely.

The eviction moratorium was intended as a **temporary** emergency measure. The City has opened up in every other respect, people are back at work, jobs are available, and vaccinations and booster shots provide greater protection from the effects of Covid. There is no longer an “emergency” in the City and there is no other industry that is currently being prevented from operating their businesses as usual.

We were forced to bear the burden of a global pandemic and, now with pandemic shifting to an endemic, it seems some members of City Council want to force us to carry the burden of the City’s long-standing homelessness and affordable housing crises. We need balanced policies that protect “mom and pop” landlords and preserve the small rental housing industry, one that has historically provided the much-needed affordable housing in our City. Our survival will benefit tenants in the long run. Please make us one of your priorities.

Tenant protections should not result in policies and legislation that force small rental property owners into foreclosure, bankruptcy, and financial ruin. That is an absurdly unfair outcome and is not a solution to the City’s problems.

Sincerely,
Diane Robertson
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