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Comments for Public Posting: LAHD report recommending an end to eviction protections is discriminatory to those with disabilities

The LAHD report which recommends ending eviction protections that were enacted as part of the city's emergency order is discriminatory against those with disabilities. There are those of us who have become disabled due to the pandemic, many of whom have long covid. The report recommends ending protections for us. We will most likely become homeless.

The report includes recommendations for not-at-fault Ellis Act evictions that were commenced prior to the city emergency order. The landlord would be allowed to use relocation assistance for back rent. The report allows non-disabled tenants to repay any back rent due over the course of one year. The LAHD recommendations ignore the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance, which penalizes a landlord for threatening to use relocation assistance for back rent. The relocation assistance for those who have become disabled is still set at the lower amount, for those who are not disabled. It should be increased to match the current relocation assistance amount for a disabled tenant. The tenant who became disabled during the pandemic would have only 60 days to vacate, but this time is one year for any newly filed Ellis Act eviction.

For all that is decent and humane, please do not move forward with the cruel LAHD recommendations.

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Name: Disappointed with LAcity council

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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. I urge you to set defined end dates to the moratorium and rent freeze. The pandemic crisis 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. 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.