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Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti and City Council, I am confused. When you, Mayor, called a State of Emergency when the pandemic hit and it was the correct thing to do and lives were saved. So, Bravo and thank you. However, when you did this you said that the inclusion of a no-fault eviction moratorium would be in place until the pandemic was over. Other cities all over the country did a moratorium as did the Government. But then after a year plus a few months they lifted it whereas you and your council have not. Nor apparently Alameda County but they are dealing with a lawsuit. You are not and it has been proven over and over that the Moratorium is now causing far more harm than good. But to who? Us, The small landlords whose tenants do not pay rent. particularly since Housing is Key ran out of bucks and the backlog extended up to six months. It's still not working except for corporations and investors who can afford the wait, and the coming lawsuits. Our lot is losing money by the bucket-full, facing bankruptcy, using our savings, working two jobs etc. Some of your gang at the table understand the situation we are in. Some see it for what it is, discrimination against us small business housing providers. Others see it as a godsend, an imminent domain grab forcing landlords to be de-facto housing providers as the city cannot solve affordable housing or homeless problems. But then yesterday and all through last week, first the CDC, then WHO and yesterday President Biden said THE PANDEMIC IS OVER. Yet what has happened, a big mess in the housing committee, a city council unable to figure anything out but a County that did. The Housing Report and an end date of 12/31/22. So what's up? You Said. It is over. Keep your word. END IT.

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Name: President Biden

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Comments for Public Posting: "The pandemic is over. We still have a problem with Covid. We're still doing a lot of work on it. It's -- but the pandemic is over," Biden said on CNN But Los Angeles City Council is giving away free rent for votes

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Comments for Public Posting: Please keep the current eviction moratorium intact, and only consider removing it once permanent protections are put in place and the economy has stabilized. If we act too rashly to end the current protections without considering all knock on effects, we will worsen our problems. All macroeconomic indicators are pointing to a world recession. We want an orderly transition where tenants can reasonably make their rent payments. We simply are not living in this kind of world at the moment. There are some situations recommended by the LAHD report that the council does not seem to be considering:

Many people who have had covid now disabled by long covid. This number will continue to grow. There are those of us who are no longer working and are still waiting for SSDI claims to process. The LAHD recommendations for Ellis Act evictions would allow landlords to deplete the relocation assistance to pay back rent owed. Instead of allowing us the year to make good on that debt, we would be thrown out of our homes without relocation assistance, which is already meager and totally dislocated from the current market.

Giving us an additional 2 months leeway of current protections is a temporary band-aid on a very dire set of circumstances. It does not address the major flaws with the LAHD report:

* One year to repay rental debt is not feasible. * Many of us cannot afford our rents even if all the back rent were set aside for the sake of the example. We are still affected by covid, and the many other brewing crises, such as inflation, energy, water, food, crime, and the depleted hospital system. * Ellis Act evictions, those filed prior to the pandemic and those to commence after the end of the emergency order, force tenants onto the streets. The relocation assistance, if given at all, is meager.

Letting us keep our pets and other tenants who moved in during covid are good steps forward. Thank you for supporting this.

Funding to pay small landlords needs to be researched and lobbied for.

Thank you for reading.