

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Klug

Date Submitted: 09/24/2022 07:57 AM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: We have been weakened by rent cheats "deferring" their rent without having to show cause and our costs have increased dramatically. The City Fees we pay for HCID and Trash have gone up substantially and no rent increases! This is profoundly unfair to seniors like me and others who need rental income to live. Please bring some sanity to this situation!

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Name: Richard Klug

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Comments for Public Posting: It is insane in a world of escalating prices and City Fees not to allow a rent increase for 3 years. Our tenants are all making much more money and our expenses are way up!

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Name: Macy WANG

Date Submitted: 09/24/2022 06:20 PM

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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.

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Name: Kelli B

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Comments for Public Posting: The rent increase freeze needs to end. Many landlords have buildings with adjustable rate mortgages because they are over 4 units (so they are not eligible for a fixed rate mortgage). So, our monthly expensed are increasing every six months but we are not allowed to increase the rent. This is simply unfair and places an undue burden on landlords. I am an 80+ year old owner and this continued freeze is a hardship on me; especially since I have always kept my rents below market value in order to try to help families.

Communication from Public

Name: confused small landlord

Date Submitted: 09/24/2022 08:00 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am not sure what is the City Council's big problem with doing what is right and ending this illegal Moratorium. Perhaps it's the inconvenience with the upcoming elections or perhaps it is rather the incompetence as after 32 months (and counting) there is still no plan to phase-out this illegal Moratorium. Firstly, the City has an 'independent' agency, LAHD, tasked with studying and coming up with recommendations to phase out this Illegal Moratorium (8/25) which they too have admitted they did not contemplate the original Ordinance fully and correctly. It took 19 dragging days before it was even heard by the Housing Committee. During the 9/15 Housing Committee, the audacity of Councilwoman Nithya Raman was insulting to Angelenos that were force to open their own homes for public use. After all that work done by LAHD, Raman is essentially saying she does not trust LAHD, perhaps it is inconvenient to her, and wants to discount and further drag out and institute unjustifiable extensions and MORE tenant protections? The abuse against small mom+pop landlords needs to stop. These policies will do NOTHING for affordable housing which has been the battle-cry of the City Council. The City Council is showing a lack of leadership. Other municipalities like Pasadena, Beverly Hills or San Diego have fully entrusted their own Housing Departments and adopted their reports immediately without any politics unlike in LA City. Shame on you City Council for playing with the livelihoods of hard-working, honest, tax-paying Angelenos. The only thing I will agree with in the Housing Committee is Councilman Harris-Dawson's plea that there needs to be distinction between the small mom+pop landlord and the corporate landlord when developing these 'fair and equitable' policies. Let's face it this has NOT been fair at all. I do not think many would argue against having more tenant protections in the corporate own units. But haven't the small mom+pop landlords suffered enough with these heavy-handed policies?? How do you expect small mom+pop landlords to pay those ridiculous LARSO Relocation Fees which unscrupulous tenants have targeted. The only thing I will agree with Councilman Raman is small mom+pop landlords should not but subject to the LARSO Relocation Fee pay schedule. Instead please consider her proposal, in cases where a Relocation Fee is required, instead small mom+pop landlords pay the State defined

amount in AB1482. The City Council needs to understand small mom+pop landlords provides much of the Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) in LA City and to do that they need to have the wiggle room to operate their units without more regulation. These policies will only erode that housing stock and bring in more corporate landlords to the market. Additionally with all the time that was stolen by this draconian policy as the City held our properties hostage , 32 months and counting, the City should consider subtracting that time period when calculating the Relocation Fee amount. It is an unfair burden to give tenants 32 extra months in their tenancy where a small mom+pop landlord will have to pay the larger Relocation Fee amount as the 3-year threshold was not discussed in the LAHD report. Please consider all the wrong you did to small mom+pop landlords and make this right. Lead, if possible, us out of this mess YOU created.

Communication from Public

Name: James McKenna

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment, It is time for the City's eviction moratorium and rent increase freeze to end. These emergency measures were put in place well over two years ago in response to serious public health and safety concerns. Since that time, significant strides have been made in addressing the virus with the availability of a vaccine and booster shot and through the reopening of the economy with businesses resuming normal operations, with the exception of the rental housing industry. These emergency measures have gone well beyond their intended purpose. Rental housing providers must be permitted to resume normal operations. Nearly all jurisdictions across the nation have recognized these advancements and have ended similar emergency measures. Yet, the City's emergency policies remain unchanged from those that were instituted at the very beginning of this pandemic. Both the eviction moratorium and rent increase freeze must end this year. As a responsible small business rental housing provider, I have faced tremendous financial hardships during the last two years caused by the City's temporary emergency measures and skyrocketing building and operational costs. I have also struggled to pay numerous City rate and fee increases which have also significantly increased over the last few years. Small business rental housing providers have already started to sell their buildings which will make affordable housing even more limited and will harm entire communities. It is time to end these temporary emergency measures. The City must also thoughtfully consider any permanent housing policies and should not use the unprecedented events of the COVID-19 pandemic to hastily advance permanent regulations that will negatively impact the City's affordable housing. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: PLo

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Comments for Public Posting: The people need to hear this Motion put it on the Agenda! The Delta variant is long gone. This needs to be re-assessed.

MOTION

Two years ago, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19, the disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2, a pandemic. The City of Los Angeles declared a local State of Emergency shortly after, and over the course of the next two years, the City adopted emergency protective measures for the safety and benefit of the public and its own employees. One of these actions was the City of LA COVID-19 employee vaccination mandate, adopted in the Fall of 2021.

The employee vaccine mandate was adopted during the surge of the Delta variant. It was presented as a necessary tool to protect the City's workforce and the public that it serves. However, much has changed in the nearly six months since the mandate went into effect.

Today, the County and City recently announced measures that have initiated the unwinding process of the protective measures implemented during the height of the pandemic. For example, lifting the indoor mask mandate and consideration of removing components of the vaccination verification mandate.

In the ever-changing climate that the COVID-19 pandemic presents to us, it is vital that we frequently review and re-assess the emergency measures that we put into effect. Those that are no longer benefiting the City, and in fact - may be posing a detriment - need to be reconsidered and ultimately lifted.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and the City Attorney be requested to report on the feasibility and impacts of rescinding the city employee vaccine mandate.

PRESENTED BY:



JOE BUSCAINO

Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:




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TAKE ACTION

Communication from Public

Name: Sara Clendening

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I would like to add my formal letter to the CF, as a renter, a community volunteer and advocate in CD1 / CD14.. Look at the numbers and demographics. For example, in Lincoln Heights, 77% are renters. In Pico Union almost 85%. Our communities are being juiced by absentee landlords and money being sucked into more affluent communities. Those communities do not even pick up their load of affordable housing/ low income because they are zoned SFD and run by homeowners assns. Do not work with those entities. Work for the People. According to LA County's 2022 homeless count data, Half of all unhoused people in LA County are Latino. If this Eviction Moratorium ends Feb 2023 , Our community is at risk of homelessness and death. There are no jobs because of upzoning of our industrial areas that were the lifeblood of our communities. Especially here in Lincoln Heights where we have been gutted for the CASP aka luxury condos. Our average household size in 90031 is 4.2 people in a 1 or 2 br apt. The median income is \$25k per household. The families will be thrown into the streets. We are not talking about 5, 10, 50 families, we are talking about Thousands of people. Many seniors, and children. Protect the health, safety and welfare of the people. The only job you have to do. Please do that job. Thank You. Sara from Lincoln Heights President of Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council speaking as an individual.