

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** After the devastating vote this week to the moratorium, Nithya Raman posted on twitter about the lack of attention on just cause and was wondering why there isn't more attention given to it (and maybe gratitude from tenants?). Because the city council and the supposed tenant advocate agencies threw tenants off a cliff this week. The vote to end the moratorium was hasty and will have devastating consequences for the city.

If city council members such as Nithya really wanted to help tenants, they would make sure we would have permanent tenant protections before ending the moratorium, and they would wait until economic conditions have improved enough so that tenants could more reasonably afford to repay back rent. Quite simply, the council voted to increase homelessness, which drags down the city overall, not just the affected renters. The council refused to drill down into the details of the LAHD report, which violates TAHO and is discriminatory against those with disabilities. The city council has ignored the statistics about long covid, and how it has disabled and will continue to disable a significant portion of our population. The city council mistakenly thinks that a piece-meal extension of an additional month or two is a boon to renters. It's a band-aid on a chronic complicated condition.

Just this past week, the following facts surfaced:

-California just had a jump in unemployment numbers, one of the highest in the country. -California's gas price is breaking records. -We are in for multiple waves of covid happening simultaneously over the winter with new strains that escape immunity and vaccine protection.

We are nowhere ready to end the moratorium. I am deeply disappointed with the city council members who mistakenly think that they represented tenants.