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Fwd: Disabled veteran

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Tue, Sep 27, 2022 at 1:34 PM

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From: 'Julian Jimenez' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Date: Tue, Sep 27, 2022 at 1:32 PM

Subject: Disabled veteran

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Dear Committee Members,

It is long past time for the local eviction moratorium and rent freeze to end. I have unjustly continued to use my VA disability compensation money to make the payments to a property that has been taken hostage by squatters for the past three years. They refuse to leave or pay a dime. All while my family and I are homeless. No lawyer or agency has been able to help us. They all tell us the same thing, the eviction moratorium must be lifted in order to move forward. You may have questions and maybe even express disbelief that this is happening to me but I assure you I have spoken with many city officials throughout the last three years and they have also seen that we are stuck and this moratorium is an issue.

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 or to simply live in their homes.

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 for free with my VA disability money, that money is supposed to be used to help me cope with my disability not to be used on squatters that are taking advantage of this unjust moratorium. I desperately need help.

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