

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The City Council has voted again to extend the Emergency Declaration. Everyone should keep in mind that this was put in place due to the Covid virus and the unknowns regarding its effect on the health and welfare of the population at the time. Now almost three years later we are in a much different place when it comes to this virus. People are asking the City Council to extend this Emergency Order for reasons such as housing affordability, inflation, long Covid, a possible recession, and even the threat of Nuclear War. This is not what this Order was initially put in place for. All these problems should be addressed in another forum with different solutions to solve those specific problems. Housing providers should not be vilified and made to shoulder the burden of problems that were here before Covid and will remain so in the future as a result of policies and actions of the L.A. City Council. Please tell us what parameters you are using to justify that this "emergency" still exists. Publish a list of the parameters so everyone can see why you continue to extend this unnecessary order. I'd be willing to bet there are none! With all this talk about being "transparent", where is the transparency by this City Council in their decision to keep extending this emergency order? It seems they are making their decision on their feelings! It is business as usual in Los Angeles, there are no more restrictions on anything when it comes to the Corona virus. Unemployment is at the lowest in years and anyone that wants to work can. Sporting events and large gatherings occur frequently with no restrictions. Covid cases are low and L.A. County is in the lowest level of community transmission as defined by the CDC. In light of this information where is the perceived emergency that requires you to keep extending this Emergency order? The President, the Governor of California, L.A. County Board of Supervisors, all have said the pandemic is no longer the threat it was and several have said we no longer are in a State of Emergency or have ended their Emergency declarations. The City Council needs to end this unnecessary Order along with the equally damaging Eviction Moratorium immediately.