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Comments for Public Posting: The power to use the "state of emergency" to give the city council special powers was supposed to be "temporary". Progressive members of the council have been misusing this temporary power to extract long term changes. This is not right. If city council has the power to change long term landlord-tenant law without the people of the city of LA voting on it what could happen if in the future the city council has a conservative or pro property owner tilt? Could tenant protections than be stripped away w/o the vote of the people of the city? I don't think any one wants that so be very careful with how you abuse your powers. I hear pro-tenant side say they want "protections". Being allowed to not pay your rent (or avoid many other parts of RSO) even though you are not currently effected by Covid is not a protection, it is fraud, and should be punishable as a civil and criminal offense. The people that really need assistance are going to be denied help because property owners and tax payer funded city resources are being exploited by people taking advantage of pandemic protections that they don't deserve. This is a tragedy that could be prevented if the city council didn't create such a loosely defined eviction moratorium and created real ramifications for tenants that break the law. If its fair to create laws to hold landlords civilly & criminally liable for violating landlord/tenant law why can't we hold tenants who commit fraud or violate the law to the same standards?