

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** READ THIS: LAHD has a Rule; if your tenants are over 62 and have lived in your rental for 10 years they cannot be removed. Now that means literally, we have to give them their rental until they die. Our only chance to regain our property is to owner occupy. And that paperwork HAS to be in LAHD system prior to the date of tenants' 10th anniversary. THIS is what I am facing, and 2 others in my chat group of 8 landlords. One of us has an end date of 3/1/23(!), he has a duplex and parents with chronic diseases. Another has her in-laws in the same situation. And I have told you mine. About my hike (with severe lung disease) up an 85 ft inclined path where I live in my guest house. I spoke to you on behalf of seniors. I am writing now on behalf of myself, and others impacted by this rule. I am now about to be faced in a few months with 3 choices unless you lift moratorium: 1) live in my car parked in front of my home that I am forbidden to occupy and ask my neighbors to use their toilet. 2) Go to a nursing home, learn to play cards, and sell my home, though no one wants to buy with permanent tenants 3) Die We need a health mandated owner occupy exemption NOW since the City Council has proved incapable of dealing with ending the moratorium. If that is too far a reach for Council, then contact LAHD NOW to alter this rule to exclude what will shortly be 3 years of LA City Council's enforcement of removing Mom&Pop from control over their own their properties and homes. If there are 3 in my small chat group, there are others throughout the city who may not be familiar with this "rule." They could be in for a nasty surprise when they realize they will be forced to gift their rental to their tenant. I expect if taken to court, this would prove illegal but none of us can afford an attorney. Those of us who know about this rule have spoken with Anna Ortega and her team and she has assured us that IF applications are in system, we are ok. But we aren't because City Council keeps moving the end date forward. You set a final date 12/31/22. That was a lie. You moved it to 1/31/23. That was a lie. We are now hearing 3/1/23. WHY have you not voted to pass the approved ordinance? You are deliberately slow-walking an end to the moratorium and lying to us. I do not know in what world a city council of 15(or whatever the number is these days) that consists of 3 criminals, 3 outed racists and a city-wide despised mayor is allowed to inflict so much damage. To have done the

right thing, as all of America did, when the unthinkable happened: a world-wide pandemic. Declare a State of Emergency, no-fault eviction but unlike the rest of the country, refuse to end it in a city that has sponsored a decades-long homeless population and no affordable housing. A city that also slow walks permits and treats those who want to build as outlaws. A city that has to hold lotteries for low-income housing hosted by a happily self-congratulatory mayor. A city that has stolen and is destroying the only affordable housing it has ever had: The Mom&Pop small business housing that has been available to thousands in this city who can afford rent, but not the high rent of the new-build and newly-bought corporation and investor groups housing. There are none of you willing to help our population with at least, say, one-quarter of the effort you have put into protecting the protections? We have a City Council with no accountability, no plan no resources no strategies that has enabled and continues to protect tenants who have debt of MINIMUM 20k and the average of 60k to??? that tenants will never be able to pay back. Now your message is: take them to small claims? Sure, we can do that, get a judgment against them, but they still won't be able to pay and will have the hell of ruined credit forever. We are living with a City Council deliberately refusing to see what is happening right in front of them: that giving a large group of people freedom from paying rent with NO oversight-- AFTER the emergency has ended and job listings are rampant-- is proving not an incentive to go back to work and pay rent. Look at what they say: Housing is A Right. It is NOT if you don't pay rent. You have funding for homeless, you have funding for affordable, YOU ARE USING US with no recompense, with no cut-outs for owner occupy, or any recognition or legislation that separates us from slumlords and corporations. I am ending this as I ended my 3-moments in front of you: I WANT MY PROPERTY BACK...do not forget that 60 day notice I have to add on. Oh right, happy holidays and no worries, I have an old but faithful electric car so I will be using clean energy to keep warm! Susan (age: 81 who has seen a lot of shit go down over these many, many decades but never anything like this where I am forced to beg a city council to return my home to me.)