

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hola, mi nombre es Noemi y ??vivo en el distrito 10. He estado viviendo aquí por 6 años, y estoy aquí con SAJE y en solidaridad con la Coalición de Keep LA Housed. Como inquilina, quiero insistir que la Ciudad implemente fuertes protecciones permanentes para inquilinos antes de eliminar gradualmente las protecciones de emergencia para inquilinos de COVID-19. Con los precios de renta y la inflación por las nubes, muchos de nosotros luchamos por recuperar la renta perdida debido a una enfermedad o pérdida del trabajo, en medio del acoso de los propietarios y las condiciones de vida en los barrios marginales; las protecciones de emergencia de covid-19 que existen son lo único que ha evitado que muchos de nosotros nos quedemos sin hogar. La pandemia ha afectado significativamente mi situación de vida porque durante la pandemia yo y mi esposo no pudimos trabajar y mis niños no podían ir a la escuela entonces yo tuve que cuidarlos en mi casa. Esto causó que se acumule deuda de renta y el propietario donde vivo nos acosa y nos quiso desalojar. Había una necesidad de protecciones para los inquilinos antes de la pandemia y es importante que continúen. Levantar las protecciones de emergencia sin estableciendo protecciones permanentes sólidas es imprudente e inhumano. Entonces por favor les pido que apoyen la implementación de una declaración de derechos de los inquilinos. Gracias.

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Comments for Public Posting: As a small landlord in the city of LA I ask you to please do what is right and end this rent freeze and moratorium. There has been much talk among this council about the need for tenant protections during the pandemic but little about the fact that these protections are only made possible on the backs of the city's landlords who continue to be forced to support the cost of housing tenants who can not, or will not pay rent for almost three years, without any guarantee of reimbursement. This is an enormous financial burden to place on any private citizen, especially the smaller mom and pop landlords. This council's unwillingness to end these extreme restrictions even after true emergency conditions have long since faded has become a gross example of government overreach and taking from private citizens. If this council suddenly decided to directly debit money from every Angeleno's bank account in the name of emergency protections and keeping tenants housed there would be wide spread outrage, but this is no different than what this city has done to it's landlords. Each year the city adopts a new budget and makes adjustments to their own salaries and other city funded departments based on increased costs and the rate of inflation, and yet the city has held its landlords to zero rent increases into 2024, all while inflation and the cost of operations has surged. For many of us who had their last rent increase sometime in 2019, we will have gone nearly 5 years with rising costs and no ability to offset a portion of them with a small rent increase. Now add on multiple years of lost rent to that. There is absolutely no justification for keeping the rent freeze in place through February 2024! The city would never expect it's own city departments to be financially solvent under such circumstances. How does this city expect us to pay our taxes, mortgage, insurance, maintenance, earthquake retrofits and repairs like this? Property conditions and tenant health and safety are being put at risk because of this. This is a grossly unsustainable and unfair situation that has dragged on far longer than justified. You have heard many owners beg and plead with you, and tell you their stories of how they worked hard their entire lives and invested their life savings into a small apartment building, only to see that stripped away in the last three years. Seniors and individuals who simply want to be able to occupy their own homes but cannot. These are not the deep pocket

corporations but average working class people and small businesses landlords who are depending on you to make fair and balanced decisions. Please recognize that this moratorium and rent freeze have come with a great price tag for your small housing providers and have gone on far too long. Please do what is right under the law and put an end to this while also finding ways to help landlords catch up and recover in the months and years to come.