

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I sincerely hope Traci Park's ludicrous motion to rubber stamp the mass eviction of people from rent stabilized units at Barrington Plaza will not be seriously considered. We all know Traci was hoisted into office partially thanks to the \$566,000 Douglass Emmett poured into her campaign, this eviction is naked pay-to-play corruption and a textbook example of why Angelenos have lost almost any faith in our city government. Approving this motion will only further degrade the trust that has already been severely eroded by scandal after scandal from this body. CD11 is severely lacking in affordable housing, it is clear that Douglas Emmett intends to remove these tenants and keep the building empty until they are able to rent the units at market or luxury rates. This building is in my neighborhood, there is not enough housing for working people. Traci Park has met with the current tenants of Barrington Plaza, she has heard from them directly that they do not want to be displaced, that they want to be allowed to retain their apartments while the building receives its necessary repairs. Furthermore, Traci has no plans to replace the lost affordable, rent stabilized units elsewhere in the district. This should be of grave concern to the rest of the council because once again, Traci is abdicating her duty to the rest of the city to contribute to the affordable housing stock for the city as a whole. Why should people who work at UCLA or any of the businesses in this district have to commute from the valley to be able to afford housing? Los Angeles is a city of renters, we need a city government that protects our interests, not the interests of big real estate like Douglas Emmett. There absolutely is a pathway to force Douglas Emmett to do the necessary repairs to their building and keep it affordable for renters. Do not give in to Traci's pathetic motion on behalf of her corporate masters, do what's right for this district because Traci does not have the best interests of her constituents in mind.