

## Communication from Public

**Name:** PatRaphael

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2023 10:50 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0479

**Comments for Public Posting:** pls vote NO let us not spend all the energy it takes to deal with the rising crisis in homelessness, while simultaneously supporting policies that add residents to the population on the street. Pat Raphael, Venice

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**Name:** Ann Bickerton  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2023 10:47 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am glad to see that the Councilmember is recognizing the incredible harm faced by the 600+ households here on the westside that are facing a mass eviction by Douglas Elliman. The city can and must do more to protect tenants. Many residents in this area rely on rent control in order to sustain themselves and remain stably housed. Tenants are entitled to protection when threatened by this kind of mass eviction. The city and nonprofit providers in this area are already overburdened by our housing crisis and the westside's housing shortage; it is time to respond proactively rather than further burden tenants, government and service providers by trying to rehome and serve tenants. I respectfully request that further investigation be done to justify the cause of eviction and whether the Ellis act is being used legally or being misused so that the landlord can raise rents. Sincerely, Annie Bickerton CD11 Resident

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa Avebury

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The LARSO only allows no-fault evictions under the Ellis Act if the owner is permanently removing the property from rental housing use. The owners of Barrington Plaza have been clear that they are evicting tenants for the sole purpose of making repairs to the property (within two years on a rotating basis). This is a fraudulent use of the Ellis Act and these are illegal evictions. If the city council allows these evictions to proceed, the just cause protections in the LARSO will be meaningless. Property owners all over L.A. will evict long-term, low rent tenants in order to raise the rents to market under Costa-Hawkins. They will leave the properties vacant for 5 years to escape any penalties and then re-rent the units at sky-high rents. The revolving door into homelessness will get exponentially worse if this blatant abuse of the Ellis Act isn't stopped now. Not to mention there will be no-one left in the city to work the non white collar jobs. I've lived in my rent controlled unit since 1999. My landlord changed in 2005. The new landlord put pressure on people to leave. I stuck it out and it has been a thorn in his side. He consistently ignores major repairs and when I called Building and Safety due to a leaking roof he took that moment to try and illegally evict me. I and two other tenants sued. His insurance company settled because we stuck it out after their numerous badgering attempts to get us to drop the case. My landlord has multiple properties and has been sued over 70 times. We stood up to him to clear a path for others who come after us. This behavior is rampant in our city. Bullying landlords take advantage of tenants who are in fear or don't know their rights. They are made to feel like they must take what they are offered lest they get no help at all. My landlord offered me \$10,000 to move during our arbitration. It wasn't even the legal amount the city required at the time for a long time tenant over 50 years old. But they rely on this lack of understanding of rights. I told him to add a zero and we could have a serious conversation after which he dropped the subject. Even small time landlords like mine act as if they are being robbed by tenants by me. I still pay over \$1500 per month on my own. I've never been late with my rent even once in 24 years. Including the pandemic. But this accounts for nothing in the eyes of greedy landlords who don't see human beings and only see dollar signs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laddie Williams

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**Comments for Public Posting:** LA City Council please vote NO this is wrong and no more people displaced in these low income apartments no one should be evicted.. People need housing and this fix it that there doing can be completed while the tenants keep their apartments.Please take into consideration how many people will be displaced (Seniors, families and long time residents) LA City Council please think about the residents and your constituents vote NO.