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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS!! WHY NOT USE ALL THESE ULA FUNDS FOR PAYING HOUSING PROVIDERS, THE RENT THEY ARE OWED AND KEEPING PEOPLE HOUSED? Instead, you want to pay lawyers and non-profits, millions of dollars that actually won't help people pay their rent debt. This is extremely irresponsible. THIS proposal is a complete misuse of taxpayer funds! Using ULA Funds, in the proposed way below, is egregious and abuse. The spending plan proposes the following: - \$18.4 million for a short term emergency assistance program, allowing eligible income tenant households to apply for up to six months owed back rent; - \$23 million for the city's Eviction Defense/Prevention program, which would expand the Stay Housed LA program -- a partnership with Los Angeles County, legal service providers and community organizations; - \$5.5 million for a tenant outreach and education program, and campaign to provide broad and targeted tenant education outreach services, including workshops, and legal services; and AGAIN, WHY NOT USE ALL THESE FUNDS FOR PAYING HOUSING PROVIDERS THE RENT THEY ARE OWED AND KEEPING PEOPLE HOUSED? Don't you think people would rather have their back rent, paid, rather than going into some legal battle with their housing provider/landlord, who they legally owe money to? This makes absolutely now sense. You want to spend \$39.7 million on legal defense and education, vs. \$18.4 million only on actual short-term rent relief? Clearly, this committee and city council, wishes to direct money into their non-profits, rather than help renters. DO NOT PASS THIS!