

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The City Council must “front fund” the \$150 million dollars for ULA programs. If not, Angelenos will suffer from waiting much longer for the essential services that will prevent homelessness and house more people. There should be no delay in spending ULA dollars and immediately implementing all programs. We appreciate Councilmember Raman’s leadership in helping to address this issue. It is essential that this money move out the door as fast as possible so that City departments can begin staffing, establishing contracts, and conducting other important business to ensure ULA’s success

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Name: Apartment Owners Association of California

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Comments for Public Posting: Housing Committee Members, I am writing to express my deep concerns about the allocation of funds in the ULM budget. It appears that a significant portion of the budget is being directed towards institutions like Poverty.com instead of effectively supporting renters in need. I believe it is essential to reevaluate these allocations to ensure that the funds are utilized in the best interest of the renters. One particular area of concern is the allocation of \$5,500,000 for "outreach" purposes. It raises questions about the need for duplicating efforts when other programs are already addressing the same objectives. Instead, these funds could be much more impactful if redirected towards helping renters with their rent payments directly. Another troubling aspect is the allocation of \$11,200,000 for attorneys to handle tenant harassment cases. While ensuring legal support is vital, I wonder if there are existing programs and attorneys already working on behalf of renters. It would be far more beneficial for renters if these funds were directly contributed to assisting them in paying their rent. Furthermore, I have observed that \$23,000,000 has been designated for "Stay Housed LA." However, it is unclear how much of this budget is being utilized for attorneys and administrative costs, which may overshadow the actual aid provided to renters. As Stay Housed LA already benefits from multiple funding sources, it would be more prudent to prioritize direct financial assistance for low-income renters rather than further supporting the administrative costs. Upon closer examination, it is alarming that only 31% (\$18,400,000) of the entire fund of \$58,100,000 is allocated for paying rent on behalf of renters. My concern deepens when I question how much of this \$18,400,000 will be consumed by bureaucracy to administer these funds. It is crucial to address this issue to ensure the budget genuinely supports those in need without unnecessary overhead. I strongly believe that this budget allocation cheats renters of the support they genuinely require. As a concerned citizen, I urge you to review and revise the ULM budget to prioritize the direct financial assistance of renters, especially those in low-income households. By doing so, we can make a significant positive impact on the lives of those struggling to make ends meet. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will take the necessary steps to address these concerns and work

towards a more efficient and impactful allocation of funds for the betterment of renters in our community. Respectfully, Jeff Faller, President Apartment Owners Association of California