

Communication from Public

Name: Mindy Garland

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Mindy Garland and I am representing the Los Angeles, Black Worker Center. I am writing to urge City Council to enact stronger protections for Black community members and all vulnerable communities in response to COVID-19. I encourage you all to support motions to:

1. Enact a Strong Moratorium on Evictions related to both nonpayment of rent and the presence of unauthorized occupants and pets, as well as all “no cause” evictions. People should not have to go to court to prove the impact of coronavirus on them to counter an eviction filing. Nobody should be evicted during an emergency that requires people to shelter in place.
2. Have the City work with the State and financial institutions to Suspend Mortgage payments for homeowners and landlords, and Forgive Rent obligations for the duration of the crisis, including a recovery period after the state of emergency is lifted.
3. Implement an immediate Freeze on all residential and commercial Rent Increases and prohibit landlords from charging late fees.
4. Immediately Supply dumpsters, showers, hand washing stations, bathrooms, vermin abatement, soap, and water to every informal settlement in Los Angeles.
5. Prioritize workplace health and safety, including mandated Paid time for and access to hand-washing and sanitizing, provision of Protective gear, and appropriate Training for those still at work, especially grocery workers, food service workers, and delivery drivers.
6. Provide 14 days of Paid Sick Leave to all workers and prohibit retaliation against those who take it. Workers must feel safe to stay home through their illness for the public’s safety.
7. Protect workers’ livelihoods by enacting “just cause,” “right of recall,” and “worker retention” policies to stop unscrupulous employers from unjustly terminating workers during this crisis, and to ensure that when it is safe to return to work, they still have jobs to return to.

Again, I urge you all to act quickly to ensure protections for Black Angelenos and other vulnerable communities impacted by this pandemic.

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Name: Cecilia Leung

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Member O'Farrell, We all are living under trying times. The restaurant/food industry has been devastated with the 80%+ drop in sales and the hard decision to furlough their staff based on seniority. The profit margin is slim, as a bakery café format we rely on holidays such as Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas in order to make a 10% annual gain. This gain is to cover the rising cost of labor and payroll taxes, providing a healthcare option to our staff, and any foreseen circumstances that we may encounter. Currently, Proof Bakery not only provides an essential service but also a hope, as a neighborhood bakery, that we will one day return to normal. We are a constant in our community's lives, we've watched families grow, and it is crucial for us to be able to continue to operate and stay open. I URGE YOU TO OPPOSE ITEM 4. I understand that it is the right thing to do to offer 2 weeks of paid sick leave during the Covid-19 pandemic to support our staff. However, this immediate action is detrimental to a small business. It will LITERALLY SHUT DOWN all small businesses permanently. It will hurt our economy even more and prevent us to ever reopen. Please reconsider with an alternative solution to assist the city's workforce. I URGE YOU TO OPPOSE ITEM 2. This will hinder the bakery to be up and running as soon as possible after a shut down. The business is dependent on skill set, which cannot be necessarily quantified by the amount of time dedicated to a workplace. Even though a dishwasher is the backbone of a café, the skill set is drastically different to that of a baker. At today's city council meeting, please understand that your vote will affect the not only the employees and the business owner but also the community. Our top priority is to support and provide for every one of our employees but also to ensure essential small businesses to stay open and for other small businesses to reopen once Covid-19 has been contained. Thank you. Sincerely, Cecilia Leung

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Name: G. JUAN JOHNSON

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Comments for Public Posting: ITEM NO. (4) 20-0147-S39 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST (CLA) and CITY ATTORNEY and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to providing supplemental sick leave to workers affected by COVID-19. ITEM NO. 20-0147-S39 I support the passage of the ordinance with the following reservations: 1. Prohibition on residential eviction. This passage needs to be stronger. Rather than a bottom up approach, the council needs to take a top down approach; landlords of residential apartment properties must be prohibited from serving 3-day notices during the length of the local covid-19 emergency. In order to serve a three day notice during the emergency, further, it has to be served by the HCID after they have determined the notice to be not in violation of the local emergency period; the owner must request the HCID to serve the notice. 2. Code enforcement inspectors some making over \$200,000 per year, must to every extent possible during the crises, assure the diligent enforcement of HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - HSC 17920.3. "Any building or portion thereof including any dwelling unit, guestroom or suite of rooms, or the premises on which the same is located, in which there exists any of the following listed conditions to an extent that endangers the life, limb, health, property, safety, or welfare of the public or the occupants thereof shall be deemed and hereby is declared to be a substandard building: (a) Inadequate sanitation shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (14) General dilapidation or improper maintenance. (c) Any nuisance. (d) All wiring, except that which conformed with all applicable laws in effect at the time of installation if it is currently in good and safe condition and working properly", will be enforced in that such enforcement is for the Public Welfare and in the interest of Public Safety. If construction is an exception from the stay at home order, or as long as construction continues, the Public's health and safety as regards health and safety regulations must be adhered to including the provisions of all housing services as the state, county, and city has determined those housing services and benefits to be, including rent reimbursements, intercom maintenance, and parking services. 3. That "circumstances" of "loss of income due to the COVID-19 epidemic" and "expenditures that stem from government-ordered emergency measures" shall be interpreted to

apply to those persons, including those over the age of 65, who have not been able to find gainful employment because they were by the government ordered or advised to stay at home or because places of employment due to the pandemic, are closed and not hiring workers. 4. The California legislature declares: "It is recognized that the practice of denying employment opportunity and discriminating in the terms of employment for these reasons foments domestic strife and unrest, deprives the state of the fullest utilization of its capacities for development and advancement, and substantially and adversely affects the interests of employees, employers, and the public in general." 5. Renter/tenant household necessities may include rent, food, utilities, parking, auto expense, phone and internet, medical, insurance, plus other bills like credit cards. The city must provide cash to each residential tenant in the amount of \$1500. The city can afford it and that the money can be paid back thru the increase of city taxes, or other taxpayer supplied revenue sources. The city has provided \$11 million to small businesses affected by this crises; let the city provide \$11 million in loans to residential tenants in the form of the \$1500 per household. G. Juan Johnson 1522 Hi Point St 9 Los Angeles CA 90035 Phone 323-807-3099 ref. county board of supervisors damage file number 20-1158110*001 ref. city damage claim dated Jan 22, 2020 from GJ Johnson at 2:32 p.m. ref. that denial of equal opportunity by city funded neighborhood councils (city department of neighborhood empowerment) to ballot qualified write-in candidates violates the city code of ethics and is against Public Welfare and does discriminate i.e. foments social unrest