

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Committee Members, I am writing to express my strong support for Agenda Item 10, which addresses the critical issue of legal and procedural clarity surrounding evictions in Los Angeles. As a representative of Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE), an organization committed to advancing economic justice for tenants in LA, we believe that this motion is a crucial step towards safeguarding the rights of tenants and ensuring equitable practices within our city. The recent events at Barrington Plaza have raised questions about how such actions can occur, especially when we have the Tenant Habitability Program in place to prevent evictions for renovation work. It's important to note that in 2005, the City of Los Angeles adopted the Tenant Habitability Plan to eliminate major rehabilitation as a grounds for eviction. Instead of eviction, the ordinance authorizes temporary relocation for tenants displaced by primary renovation work. Despite the existence of these legal safeguards, the events at Barrington Plaza highlight the pressing need for comprehensive oversight and enforcement. The motions outlined in Agenda Item 10 are necessary steps towards ensuring that the city's existing regulations are effectively implemented and enforced to prevent wrongful evictions. By voting in favor of these motions, the committee can take meaningful action to address the concerns raised by the Barrington Plaza incident, protect tenants from unjust eviction, and uphold the principles of fairness and justice in our housing system. In conclusion, we appreciate your dedication to addressing the housing crisis and protecting the rights of tenants in Los Angeles. We urge the committee to vote in favor of Items 10 to better understand the circumstances surrounding recent events and to strengthen the enforcement of tenant protections in our city. Thank you for your time and consideration.