

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Grace Hut

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Committee Members, I am writing to express my strong support for Agenda Item 10. As a representative of Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE), an organization committed to advancing economic justice for tenants in LA, I am worried that the Ellis Act is being used in bad faith to evict tenants for renovations that should instead trigger the development of a Tenant Habitability Plan. This motion is a crucial step towards safeguarding the rights of tenants, preventing displacement and preserving much-needed affordable rental units. The recent events at Barrington Plaza illustrate the urgent necessity of Agenda Item 10. Barrington Plaza tenants are being evicted for renovations under the Ellis Act despite there being no indication that the renovations necessitate the units' permanent removal from the rental market. The Tenant Habitability Plan was created by the City of Los Angeles to prevent such situations by eliminating major rehabilitation as a grounds for eviction and providing temporary relocation or permanent relocation as an alternative to eviction. The affordable housing crisis in Los Angeles will only grow in magnitude if the Ellis Act is used in bad faith to evict tenants for renovations when the owner intends to continue renting units after making the improvements. By voting in favor of this motion, the committee can address the concerns raised by the Barrington Plaza tenants, as well as prevent unjust evictions and the loss of affordable housing units in the future. We hope the committee will take this important step to increase oversight of our housing regulations and strengthen the enforcement of tenant protections in our city. Thank you for your time and consideration of this motion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Pablo Estupinan  
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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 as well as a permanent relocation option for tenants displaced for more than 30 days." 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.