

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kyle Sironen

**Date Submitted:** 06/13/2019 04:09 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0623

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please. The unaffordability of housing is strangling the working people of this city, the people that make it go and are required make it prosper, and this would be a corrective force to help bring housing prices down from the artificially high rents they are now. There are so many vacant rentals, and prices are still not coming down- more need to be done to incentivize property owners to rent at more reasonable rates, if their current stance is to not rent at all.

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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/13/2019 05:15 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0623

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please move forward with this small but important step toward increasing the number of available units for rent in LA. This incentive to motivate landlords not to drag their feet in filling vacancies (for whatever reason) is the bare minimum the city can do. While this will not meaningfully improve affordability, the city must play its role in ensuring the housing market is regulated by policies that maximize the housed population at all times. I am somewhat shocked to discover it has not been doing so thus far.

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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2019 09:29 AM

**Council File No:** 19-0623

**Comments for Public Posting:** This city needs a tax on vacant rental units. We are in a housing crisis, and landlords should be held accountable. Please support a tax on vacant rental units, as it is a step towards reducing housing insecurity.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carter Moon  
**Date Submitted:** 06/13/2019 10:14 AM  
**Council File No:** 19-0623  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Strong support. A tax to punish landlords for leaving units vacant is a key step in fighting our housing crisis.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kristina Meshelski  
**Date Submitted:** 06/13/2019 02:15 PM  
**Council File No:** 19-0623  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Strongly in favor of this tax. Please hurry! Human beings are more important than property.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/13/2019 11:29 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I've been a resident of the 5th district of Los Angeles for 13 years and I support the Empty Homes Penalty. With the current housing crisis, it is immoral and unconscionable that there are so many units standing empty in this city. Housing should be a right, but this is a step in the right direction. These landlords get rich by bleeding us dry.