

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am grateful to the Sponsors of this Motion. There is a troubling and stark contrast between 112,000 vacant, habitable housing units in Los Angeles while thousands of unhoused people live in tents on streets, in their cars, or couch surfing. This is not the time for property owners to HOARD their habitable rental housing, nor is it the time to commoditize rental housing to make a fast profit. We have a crisis of SUPPLY that will not be satisfied by building more. That will take years. The crisis is now. We also have a crisis of affordability. Owners of rental property need to rent those units to long-term tenants at reasonable rents. While we wait for LA voters to pass this proposition at the ballot box in November, the City Council needs to stop criminalizing the unhoused and instead provide Safe Parking, and safe and secure shelter immediately.