

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this Motion and am making a public comment as an individual stakeholder even though I am an Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council Board member and the ERNC Homelessness Liaison As a Housing and Tenants Rights advocate I supported AB 1482 through all its negotiated changes this year and was glad that it passed. Shortly after it passed, and even before it passed, tenant rights groups started hearing about landlords increasing the rent and evicting tenants giving 60-day notices throughout the State citing AB 1482. Many tenant organizations became alarmed and contacted our elected officials, first in the legislature and then in Los Angeles, asking for a moratorium on evictions and rent increases until AB 1482 takes effect in Jan 2020. So I am glad to see that our City Council is responsive to the needs to tenants. Tenants in Los Angeles have become economically more vulnerable during the past several years as a result of real estate speculation, staggeringly high rent increases, no-fault evictions due to the Ellis Act, and failure to expand rent stabilization / rent control in Los Angeles due to Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act restrictions. Tenants' housing vulnerability is fueling our homelessness crisis, because once a tenant receives an unreasonable rent increase, subsequently evicted, it is almost impossible for tenants to find housing that they can afford. I urge the City Council to pass this Motion. Thank you.