

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 02:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0002-S42

**Comments for Public Posting:** My roommates and I are each independently working, constantly learning, and trying to develop ourselves positively during these difficult times of our uncertain future. We're a family, we are young and we are doing our best to be engaged and active. Our communities all around us have more or less privileges that may have helped them so far, but everyone is vulnerable no matter what resources they have and backgrounds they're from. Which is why it is essential to create both mortgage and rent relief to protect everyone. Please cancel rent and mortgages, thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ms. Foster

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 03:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0002-S42

**Comments for Public Posting:** I agree that there should be both renter and property owner relief but your bill unjustly put landlords at a great disadvantage. We cannot be expected to trade 5, 6, 7, 10, or 13 rental payments against 1 mortgage payment. Rent goes to more than just the mortgage. It goes to hard cost like building insurance, property taxes, water bills, gas and electric bills, repairs, and maintenance and capital improvements like earthquake retrofitting. You need to fight for both parties for different reasons. Be fair and represent all parties.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Natalija Vekic

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 12:14 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0002-S42

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello Council Members, Today I spent 43 minutes on hold waiting to speak to the City Council when I was dropped from the call with no explanation or recourse. At a time critical time like this — it feels like an insult. I was going to comment on: Motions to Support Federal and State Action on Mortgage and Rent Relief Item 58 / Council File: 20-0002-S42 Item 59 / Council File: 20-0002-S43 Item 61 / Council File: 20-0002-S45 I am a renter, a graduate of UCLA, a small business owner and have lived in Los Angeles for the last decade. The LA City Council needs to do everything in it's power to make sure that city residents already struggling to pay rent — do not end up on the street. The city needs to implement rent forgiveness & mortgage suspension. In addition, the city needs to implement a strong Moratorium on evictions. Asking people to pay back already high rents and adding back rent is a recipe for disaster. The economy won't magically fix itself and they'll be people out of work for months. Let's treat this like the EMERGENCY DISASTER that it is and provide much needed relief — this in no time for business as usual. As a small business owner, one of many that was shut out of federal programs like PPP — I will be dealing with the financial fall out of this disaster for months to come as I try to navigate the new landscape. The projects we were slated to work on have all been postponed indefinitely. With everyone except big corporations like Amazon, facing financial disaster — work will be hard to Los Angeles residents for too long have had our voices have been ignored as rents skyrocket and the homeless population grows — Things will only get worse with this shut down. The health and safety of the city are at stake. There are already 60,000 people living on the street and this pandemic threatens the numbers to skyrocket if we the City Council does not act now. Thank you, Natalija vekic

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chris Chandler

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 09:59 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0002-S42

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please support this motion so that the Mayor and the State recognize that your constituents need this. An eviction moratorium is basically just a rent deferral; don't get evicted right now, but owe the rent you're skipping at a future date. A rental deferral of any kind is asking commercial and residential renters to come up with more rent money as they return to work. As if, in a post-COVID world, we're all suddenly going to be making more money than we were before the pandemic. Restaurants aren't suddenly going to serve 200% of the customers that they did before the pandemic, they're going to be serving far fewer as we ease the economy back into motion. Workers aren't going to suddenly be given raises and start earning more. Where do you think they'll come up with the money to cover the cost of rent back-pay that they owe? So they weren't evicted, but now what? Be on the right side of history here.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marisa Navarro  
**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:01 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0002-S42

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good morning councilmembers, As COVID19 is unprecedented in modern day history, your response to this crisis will be looked at and analyzed closely more than ever before. More than 60% of Angelenos are tenants and a recent LA Times Article, "Less than Half of LA County still has jobs.." reports only 45% of Angelenos have jobs; but as we all know, this number is and will continue to decrease. This demonstrates that a majority of everyday people are struggling to survive. As I currently work as a paralegal, I hear from our clients everyday who call in and tell me how they need settlements now as they cannot afford food and as they cannot pay for rent. This burden and stress are making our people sick. If you cannot see that, then you really are not connected to our community whatsoever and should be ashamed. I plead with each of you to do the right thing and support tenants who are everyday people, working class people, and the people who make LA the great city that it is. Please vote in favor of a real eviction moratorium, to freeze rent increases, and to implement actual mortgage and rent relief. Respectfully, Marisa Navarro

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heather Booth  
**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 09:26 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0002-S42  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Strongly support and urge council to pass in spite of this being far from enough under the circumstances. We need rent suspension NOW

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Natalija Vekic

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:34 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0002-S42

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's obvious that we are in unprecedented times, a global pandemic that has killed thousands around the globe. Angelinos for too long our voices have been ignored as rents skyrocket and the homeless population grows — things will only get worse with this shut down. We already have 60,000 people living on the street, which is a travesty. The LA City Council needs to do everything in it's power to make sure that city residents already struggling to pay rent — do not end up on the street. The city & state need to implement rent forgiveness & mortgage suspension during the duration of the pandemic. Asking people to pay back already high rents and adding back rent is a recipe for disaster. The economy won't magically fix itself and they'll be people out of work for many months. Let's treat this like the EMERGENCY DISASTER that it is and provide much needed relief — this in no time for business as usual. It's time to think outside the box. If the City Counsel does not act now -- the effects will be devastating and have long term effects on the health and safety of the city. Best,  
Natalija Vekic //Zip Code 90019



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christian Bruno  
**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:18 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0002-S42  
**Comments for Public Posting:** As a renter in Los Angeles, I urge the council to suspend rent during the pandemic: it was help people weather these uncertain economic times, and relieve the pressure of having to make bad decisions about working that may put residents at risk during a pandemic. But just as rent suspension is important, so too is a suspension on mortgages. Our landlords are in the exact same position. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maria Morales

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:24 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0002-S42

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Maria Morales, I'm an ACCE member, I live in District 8. I'm a new mom, raising a child I'm on parental leave but I'm afraid that my job might not be back when I come back to work, how will I be able to pay my mortgage and raise a child. this why we need to Forgive all rents and Mortgages, half of Angelinos are unemployed how will they be able to pay back their rent or mortgages in 3 months it makes no sense, So please all councilmembers if you love your city and human lives please support this motion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kendall Mayhew

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 11:56 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0002-S42

**Comments for Public Posting:** I assume this will pass, and I do encourage the City Council to publicly call for Federal and State programs to create a full rent and mortgage cancellation program the way other countries have. I specifically ask that the Council support the congressional bill from Rep Ilhan Omar that was introduced this past week. I also implore the council not to abdicate their own power to provide relief for renters in this crisis, simply by passing the buck to the federal and state level.