

Communication from Public

Name: Kendall Mayhew

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 11:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0002-S43

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.

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Name: Heather Booth
Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 09:28 AM
Council File No: 20-0002-S43
Comments for Public Posting: Strongly support and urge council to pass this motion in spite of it being far from enough - RENT SUSPENSION NOW!

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Name: Lesley Edwards
Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 11:35 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: As part of the City's rent relief response, please consider the SCANPH proposal to use some of the CDBG funding as rental assistance in the form of rent replacement grants to affordable housing operators. Affordable housing operators house the most vulnerable residents in their properties. This plan keeps vulnerable residents in their homes, which is a priority during this health crisis. This plan also keeps affordable housing developments financially sound and allows them to keep housing the many low income people they serve. I urge the City Council to use some of the funding from the CARES Act to keep vulnerable residents housed.

Communication from Public

Name: Holly Benson

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 11:54 AM

Council File No: 20-0002-S43

Comments for Public Posting: I am the COO for Abode Communities and a member of SCANPH. I respectfully request that the City adopt the SCANPH Proposal to dedicate CDBG funding from CARES Act for Rent Loss. Specifically ask that some CDBG funding be used as rental assistance in the form of rent replacement grants to affordable housing operators. Using relief funds to protect residents will stabilize vital public assets: affordable housing for the most vulnerable in our society. According to CARES Act Flexibilities for CDBF Funds report issued on April 9, 2020, grantees can use CDBG to cover or reimburse costs in response to Coronavirus. Without support for affordable housing developments, nonprofit housers like Abode Communities will have to cover lost rent revenue on our own. We may have to turn to operating reserves, which are limited and not meant to cover long-term operational shortfalls. This financial stress could destabilize not just individual affordable properties, but the larger nonprofit entity of Abode Communities as well. This would put many more low income households at risk of losing their home. These funds need to help people affected by Coronavirus. If a resident has been infected or marked in another way by the virus (eg job loss), using CDBG money as rent loss replacement for 90 day will protect residents. It will also stabilize the affordable housing developments, which are valuable public assets, especially during this time of economic crisis. Details of the proposal are as follows. How Payments Work: Payments would go directly from the City of LA to the nonprofit housing operator such as Abode Communities in the form of a grant. Units Eligible for Aid: This relief funding would apply to restricted affordable units without some other form of rental subsidy such as Section 8, and that are occupied by residents experiencing hardship from coronavirus. Length of Payments: Rental payments would be for up to 90 days. No Repayment from Residents do NOT need to repay the forgiven rent for this period.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Please provide financial resources to protect all of our families, renters, and small businesses. We need your support and compassion.

Communication from Public

Name: Frank Martinez (SCANPH)

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 12:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am Frank Martinez, the Policy Director of the Southern California Association of NonProfit Housing (SCANPH). SCANPH members build and operate affordable housing in Los Angeles. We have shared a proposal with some City of Los Angeles officials to dedicate CDBG funding from the CARES Act for rental assistance. This accomplishes two vitally important goals. One, it keeps low income people housed during this health crisis. Two, these funds will help stabilize the operations of affordable housing, which are a public asset and will be able to continue housing many vulnerable Angelenos. We encourage the Council members to consider this proposal and have this concept be part of the conversation. This effort will effectively keep thousands and thousands of low income Los Angeles residents housed during this dangerous time of the Coronavirus.