

Protect the Santa Fe Art Colony

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Hello,

My name is Celeste Voce and I'm an artist, and arts employee living and working in the city of Los Angeles. I am writing to express my support for all the tenants of the historic Santa Fe Art Colony. As I do have a 9-5 job, I cannot come to city meetings to protest how these individuals are being unfairly and egregiously priced out of their homes, so I wanted to communicate my support for them in writing.

Los Angeles has become the premiere destination in the world for contemporary art, as evidenced by the large number of galleries opening up across town, as well as the addition of the yearly Frieze Art Fair. It would send a dangerous message for the city to watch as the art scene that has been in the city for so long and is a core of what has made this industry excited by the city is driven out because artists can't afford to live and practice here.

As a volunteer with SELAH, I see first-hand how the housing crisis is already too precarious and fraught for a large portion of Angelenos across all industries. While the City Council is taking steps to help renters, which I greatly applaud, these need to be enacted immediately to prevent large, last minute drives to push out renters. Please do not let these developers steamroll people and erode one of the hearts of the city.

Best,
Celeste Voce