

Communication from Public

Name: Zachary Smith

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 06:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0147-S19

Comments for Public Posting: immediately enacting a rent freeze for housing tenants and small businesses as well as a moratorium on evictions is an absolute necessity for members of our community as we reel from the effects of COVID-19. please help the most vulnerable members of our community

Communication from Public

Name: Justin Gaar

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 05:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need an emergency rent moratorium now. Things are about to be real bad real quick for a lot of people. 600,000 people in LA county pay 90% of their income towards rent. Just think about what that looks like when we've all missed at least two paychecks.

Communication from Public

Name: Tygh Runyan

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 10:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I work at The Regent theater in Los Angeles doing live sound, and as an actor and musician. The theater has closed down for at least 2 months, along with all the other venues in the city, my band's shows were cancelled at the same time, and film production has ceased. I currently have no way to pay my rent, and have applied for unemployment. I am doing so for the first time in my life. This situation is entirely due to COVID-19 and to no fault of my own. I realize that I am not alone in sharing this burden and enormous stress. I am requesting that the city mandate a temporary rent freeze until everyone can return to work. To put it bluntly, many of us are completely out of options. This is an emergency.

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Name: Sara Bello

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 08:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi Paul, I just wanted to thank you for your service to our community. I have been a LA resident for the past 5 years and want to continue to call it home. I am extremely worried for the future of our world, especially the wellbeing of my friends, family and colleagues. The last month has not been the easiest and I anticipate that this is just the beginning. I believe we need to continue to take what is going on seriously, and continue to drive social distancing in order to contain this virus. I believe with these simple steps, we can help contain the virus and hopefully put an end to this pandemic sooner than later. I would also like to reach out regarding rent moratorium. I have been working as a Design Consultant and Wholesale Sale Rep, and all my leads for the coming months have come to a halt. I live paycheck to paycheck and almost 1/2 of my earnings go towards rent. With how uncertain the future is, I do not know when I will see my next paycheck. It is projected that this can take up to 18 months for us to recover from. I believe during a time like this, we need security for our community. I believe rent moratorium would help all of us immensely. Please put a rent moratorium for up to 6 months. This amount of time will help us gather our resources, and also relieve stress for those already financially struggling. Please put a eviction moratorium as well. I believe this is imperative to maintaining a healthy environment, especially during these trying times. We need a ban on utility shutoffs. Having a home, water, gas, and electricity are not essentials, but a human right. Thank you, Sara Bello

Communication from Public

Name: Staci O'Neal-Robinson

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 08:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: City Council must pass an emergency rent freeze immediately. People are unable to work, losing hours or losing their jobs entirely. It's almost April 1st and many Angelenos will not be able to pay their rent. You have to act now.

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Name: Kristen

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 09:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi There - I'm concerned by the lack of protection for renters during this time. It's clear there are too many landlords on the council weighing in on what's going to adversely affect their incomes and not what is morally right for the renters in this city. What is needed for this gig based economy is relief for renters until we see the long term fallout of COVID business closures and economic insecurity. With a housing crisis already plaguing the city, it's unfortunate that landlords serving the city council would approve such selfish legislation without a long term plan. Shameful.

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Name: Catherine Schetina
Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 03:37 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the LA City Council to protect residents during this pandemic by adopting the Healthy LA Coalition's proposals for Covid-19 response. These include a STRONG moratorium on evictions, as well as rent forgiveness and mortgage suspension. There must also be an immediate freeze on all residential and commercial rent and utility bill increases. They are also calling for 14 days of paid sick leave for all workers, as well as protection from employer retaliation. Finally, please consider the fate of our unhoused neighbors and install showers, bathrooms, handwashing stations, and dumpsters at all informal settlements. The city of Los Angeles has to opportunity to set a standard for humane and compassionate responses to this global pandemic. I urge you to support these proposals. Thank you.

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Name: Monique

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 03:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am urging the council to please consider more than just a moratorium on evictions, but also a full moratorium or forgiveness on rent during this COVID-19 crisis. While the no-evictions rule is helpful, it does not do nearly enough. As a freelance makeup artist with a husband who is an actor and part-time substitute teacher, we are simply unable to work right now, to no fault of our own. Even if there's a deferment on rent until this is over, we will simply not be able to catch up on the thousands of dollars we'll owe when we are allowed to go back to work... whatever that new normal becomes. If there is going to be a moratorium on mortgages and bailouts on big corporations, we the people, deserve a bailout too. We already know Los Angeles rent prices have gotten out of control for what most of us who live paycheck to paycheck can handle. But we've all been figuring out how to do it. This is now too big, too uncertain, and too dangerous to treat it in any way other than with unprecedented measures to meet the unprecedented situation. Please don't forget about us regular workers who make this the great city that it is. The less of us that have to go into debt, the better our whole economy will be. I would also like to be informed on when the original 3/24 meeting that was cancelled is going to be rescheduled and when the public will have the opportunity to speak up and voice our concerns. Thank you.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 04:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: There is a desperate need for a rent freeze. You've obviously heard from plenty of others in my position, that SHARE my opinion, so this is myself being in accord

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Name: Alexandra DeVellis

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 03:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Since the statewide order to close all bars and restaurants was passed I have been without a source of income. I've been bartending for about ten years full time and without knowing when I'm able to work again, it's scary to think that my housing costs are going to stay the same. I see that there's a moratorium on rent for a couple months, but if this goes on for awhile I fear that that could put me heavily in debt and unable to catch up, as I'm sure it's going to be a slow start when/if food and beverage establishments start opening back up again. I don't think the owners of the property should have to bear the financial burden of late payments either because if myself and people like me were able to work, we would be able to honor the terms set forth in our leases. I understand the emergency and the need for certain closures, but if the state mandate put so many of us out of work then it should do its part to make sure that we're not financially ruined by the time everything is back to normal.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 04:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To Whom It May Concern, As a resident of Los Angeles, I ask our representatives to please strongly consider a moratorium on rent due to the current state of crisis we are in. Thousands of residents are out of work and don't know when they will be able to work again. In order to prevent a further downward spiral of our current situation financially, socioeconomically, and also from a public health standpoint, I implore you to put a hold on rent payments throughout Los Angeles. LA residents face some of the highest housing costs in America and with the ongoing homeless issue in our city, we should not be taking measures to risk putting thousands more families and households out of their homes if they cannot afford their rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents need somewhere to shelter in place in order to control the outbreak of this disease. I ask that you not add to the growing amount of fear and uncertainty we are all facing by forcing LA residents to make rent payments when they no longer have any income due to something completely out of their control. Thank you.

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Name: Jennifer Smith

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 05:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of Council File Number 20-0147-S19. I support Council Members MIKE BONIN, MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON, PAUL KORETZ, NURY MARTINEZ, HERB WESSON, JR. to support working people and small businesses in this dire economic moment.

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Name: Dawn Carol Garcia

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 05:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I just learned of the legislation that the LA City Council has been working on to help its citizens weather this pandemic / economic crisis... specifically the moratorium on evictions and rent increases. Who am I? I rent a home in Glassell Park. I am a small business owner (furniture restoration) and my husband is an editor. We are both college educated, paying off student loans and hoping to start a family. Unfortunately, both of us have had to stop working as we cannot simply work from home (example: there's nothing to edit when shoots are cancelled). It has been made public that the majority, 8 of the 15, council members are landlords (if not more). After the reading about the L.A.'s city council actions on March 17th, I believe it is clear we have a conflict of interest at work. I believe that the majority of city council is not working for the best interest of this city's citizens and is acting out of self interest, as landlords, and thus are creating legislature that would insure all of their rent money be paid up in full within the next 6 months. Most of their tenants, as well as other regular home owners paying mortgages, will NEVER see the money they have lost due to the pandemic. It's gone. Yet somehow landlords would like their well being prioritized above all others. This is wrong. Landlords are regular citizens too, regardless of whether they are mom and pop or are huge real estate corps... they cannot and should not be given special treatment. We must shoulder the burden fairly and we must do it together. It is painful to read that the 24 month repayment period suggested by Council member Bonin was knocked down to 6 months. Again, the residents that are losing their income through March, April, and so on... are NOT going to get their lost money back. Where does city council think this payback money for landlords is going to come from? Rents in Los Angeles are high, the federal payouts will likely only cover a fraction of LA residents' costs. Expect that people are going to go deeper into debt. Even as someone that has savings, I'm accepting that I'm going to lose a lot of it to get through this... but I'm going to bear it because I know we're all in this together. That said, I can't imagine how most low wage employees are going to be able to backpay rent for three months in a matter of six. I appreciate city council's optimism but that's foolishly blind. Ultimately, regardless of whether it is 6 months or 24 months, it's not about

time, it's about sharing in loss as we share in civic prosperity... we must all work together to absorb this burden. I'm not arguing for a full rent freeze but if the city council wants to make sure landlords are going to get ALL their money while other renters and home owners are losing it hand over fist... then maybe our landlord run city council should be more transparent about their goals. Why not have council members use public funds to pay it to themselves and their fellow landlords, instead of hiding behind unfair legislation, let's see how that flies. Or perhaps a less "villainous" move, maybe a percentage of the rent should be accepted as a loss to landlords... balance things out with discounts to home owner taxes. I'm imagining our 2019 Tax returns should provide data about who was able to work and not able to work during the crisis. Whatever the outcome, the goal is to balance this loss out! We all have to weather some financial burden here. There is no easy way out, it's going to be complicated but that's where we are... otherwise you're going to get a lot, too many, hard working people falling into the street long after the virus has gone. Threatening people's lives and homes is DANGEROUS... lawlessness must be avoided, civil unrest of the masses must be avoided. I lived through the LA Riots and I know what can happen when too many people feel that they're being mistreated. Please be smart, be fair about this... I want to make sure that our voices, the voices of renters and home owners, are heard loud and clear by the City Council. We can all get through this as long as we work together.

Dawn Carol Garcia 13 District Resident

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Name: Arman Cole

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 03:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a longtime Los Angeles resident and would like to voice my full-throated support of a citywide rent freeze given the extraordinary circumstances this city is currently facing. Needless to say, many Angelenos are facing layoffs and furloughs, and given the simple fact that the average family spends 1/3 of its income on rent in this city, we risk catastrophic consequences for working families. Without an immediate suspension of rent payments, we will surely see an enormous number of people thrown out onto the streets. I understand that today's meeting was suspended, but I strongly hope that measures can be taken before the 1st of April. If the council fails to act quickly, this crisis could reach its breaking point.

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Name: Gina Steffe

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 02:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember David Ryu & LA City Council, I'm urging you and the city council to put in place a rent freeze for 3 months. Many of the constituents of your district work in places that are closed down and have no income from the last two weeks. So many of us cannot afford rent on 4/1 and have no hope of paying on 5/1. I greatly urge you to please vote in favor of rent freeze. Thank you. Sincerely, Gina Steffe

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Name: Zoe Cuipyllo-Watkins

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 03:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am asking the LA City Council to immediately consider a rent suspension for three months, until the coronavirus pandemic is under control. I know people who are going to work when they are terrified out of their minds and think they might be carriers, but have to choose between public health and being able to make rent. I was laid off due to COVID-19, and until unemployment comes through, I have no income, and I can't find work if I can't leave my apartment. It's unreasonable to demand people stay home from work but still pay rent—how am I supposed to have an income stream without a way to work? A moratorium on evictions only ensures that we will all come out of this severely in debt, which will further depress an already plummeting economy. If I cannot pay rent now, how am I supposed to pay three months rent in three months? I have no income, and my story is not unique to Los Angeles, when more than half the people I know have been laid off from their jobs or seen reduced hours. No one will be able to pay, so we as a city should get in front of it, rather than be forced to deal with the fallout and the coronavirus resurgence that will no doubt originate in housing court.

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Name: Miriam Brummel

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 03:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Miriam Brummel Echo Park resident and constituents of Mitch O'Ferrell. I am asking the LA City Council to immediately suspend rent and mortgage for three months, until the coronavirus pandemic is under control. I know people who are going to work when they are terrified out of their minds and think they might be carriers, but have to choose between public health and being able to make rent. I was laid off due to COVID-19, and until unemployment comes through, I have no income, and I can't find work if I can't leave my apartment. It's unreasonable to demand people stay home from work but still pay rent—how am I supposed to have an income stream without a way to work? A moratorium on evictions only ensures that we will all come out of this severely in debt, which will further depress an already plummeting economy. If I cannot pay rent now, how am I supposed to pay three months rent in three months? I have no income, and my story is not unique to Los Angeles, when more than half the people I know have been laid off from their jobs or seen reduced hours. No one will be able to pay, so we as a city should get in front of it, rather than be forced to deal with the fallout and the coronavirus resurgence that will no doubt originate in housing court. Thank you.

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Name: Brittney Rentschler

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 12:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE, we URGE you to find a way to freeze rent for any number of weeks. Anything to help our community recover from this unexpected emergency. There are so many who are not able to have wages at this time, and it's imperative that they have some protection. The overall benefit to the community could not be more clear. Thank you for your concern and action in this matter.

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Name: Susannah Lowber

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 12:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I rent a house in Echo Park with 4 other people. We have lived here for 10 years and all work in the entertainment industry. Half of us are independent contractors and not eligible for unemployment. We are all unable to work because all film production work has stopped with the stay at home orders for covid19. Many many others are in the same situation. LA needs a Moratorium on rent. Landlords should not be able to keep collecting when everyone has lost their jobs and has no options to seek employment during the outbreak especially if mortgage holders area getting a break.

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Name: Alex Klein

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 12:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to request that there be a rent moratorium or rent freeze put on the housing in Los Angeles. The high cost of living and rent in the city combined with the COVID-19 outbreak has made it so both my wife and I are incapable of finding work in our industry. An indefinite freeze would give currently housed citizens/families without employment a A potential life saving grace period during the crisis.

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Name: Nora

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 01:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the city of Los Angeles to prevent the eviction of tenants who cannot afford to pay rent during the time of the coronavirus outbreak. Many of us lost our jobs or have reduced hours which mean less income. No business is hiring right now which could mean unemployment for months. It is a dangerous time to be kicked out of our homes, since it's not safe for anyone to be outside right now. Please consider our pleas and stop the eviction of LA tenants due to failure to pay rent.

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Name: THE MARTLET TATTOO PARLOR

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 01:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm urging you and the city council to put in place a rent freeze for 3 months. Many of the constituents of your district can not afford rent on 4/1/20, and have no hope for paying rent on 5/1/20. I greatly urge you to please vote in favor of a rent freeze. So many of us work in places that are closed down or are self employed/business owners and have no income for from the last two weeks. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Courtney Lenhart

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 02:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm urging you and the city council to put in place a rent freeze for 3 months. Many of the constituents of your district can not afford rent on 4/1/20, and have no hope for paying rent on 5/1/20. I greatly urge you to please vote in favor of a rent freeze. So many of us are self-employed and/or work in places that are considered non-essential and are closed down, therefore are not generating income from the last two weeks. Thank you

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 01:46 PM

Council File No: 20-0147-S19

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles tenants have 4 demands for Mayor Garcetti and City Council Members: 1. A freeze on rent and mortgages 2. Rent forgiveness measures 3. Measures protecting tenants from landlord retaliation. 4. The eviction moratorium extended throughout the state of emergency. You cannot tell us to stay home and not work if we still have to pay our rent. That is simply illogical and unfair and cruel to the people of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Bryce Oprandy

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 01:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm urging you and the city council to put in place a rent freeze for 3 months. Many of the constituents of your district cannot afford to pay rent on 4/1/20 and have little hope for paying rent on 5/1/20. I please urge you to vote in favor of a rent freeze. As a self employed business owner, I can say I have not had an income within the last two weeks. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Jake Reuter

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 01:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm urging the city council to put in place a rent freeze for 3 months. Many of the constituents of your district can not afford rent on 4/1 or 5/1 do to lost wages. Many of us work in places that have been shut down and do not have a work from home option.

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Name: Stephanie Sanchez
Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 01:22 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Rent freeze

Communication from Public

Name: Vincent Avila

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 01:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need a rent freeze. The amount of business that has come to a halt due to the ongoing pandemic requires correspondence from all key perspectives.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Whiteside
Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 01:29 PM
Council File No: 20-0147-S19

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, If you truly want to control this pandemic you will freeze rent and mortgage until the disease spreading through our communities is under control. All three of my jobs (musician, teacher, live event sound engineer) are put on hold. I have no other sources of income and only enough savings to eat. Many people I know in Los Angeles are in the same position. If this does not happen we will be forced to go find work, potentially furthering the spread of this disease. Please consider this move to help support the community and properly fight the pandemic. Thank you! Michael Whiteside

Communication from Public

Name: Meryl Green

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 11:43 AM

Council File No: 20-0147-S19

Comments for Public Posting: I'm urging the city council to put in place a rent freeze for 3 months in light of the coronavirus pandemic. Many of the constituents of Los Angeles can not afford to pay rent on 4/1, and have little to no hope of paying rent on 5/1. I greatly urge you to please vote in favor of the rent freeze in order to protect Los Angelenos from undue stress and financial burdens during this public health crisis. So many of us work in places that are closed down and have no income from the past two weeks. As a substitute teacher, I currently have no hope of earning an income for the foreseeable future as all schools continue to remain closed. A rent freeze would help so many people who are already struggling to get by, merely stay afloat as the pandemic continues to worsen in our city.

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Name: Tony

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 11:55 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Chad

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 09:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting to request a rent freeze. Jobs are being lossed and I fear mine and my partners will be next. This will allow families to sustain some sort of money through this hard hit.