

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Rodriguez
Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 07:03 AM
Council File No: 20-0147-S19

Comments for Public Posting: There needs to be a rent moratorium or at the very least a negotiation with tenants. Most of the tenants in LA are not working right now; many of them don't have savings. I know I am out of work as a result of the pandemic, and I am worried about covering rent. Lets think about how this will effect us in the long run: if there is no rent moratorium eventually people won't pay rent and then there will be an attempt to evict them - oh wait - no one is working, and there is no money, so who is going to enforce kicking them out? Who is going to enforce anything? Who is going to want to follow directions from greedy people who don't want to have sympathy and make a sacrifice for the greater good at a time when people are freaking out? When the money runs out and people run out of patience and sanity there is social unrest, which inevitably is going to effect whoever thinks they are still staying on top of things. I, for one, do not want to see chaos in the streets, I do not want to live in that kind of unrest, so I plead with you to consider trying to figure out this issue in a fair, logical and compassionate way. Be a fellow human-being - money does not matter right now - it is only cotton cloth with some fancy designs printed on it. When it is all gone, you won't be able to eat it.

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Name: Geoffrey Summers
Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 09:13 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I support the emergency rent freeze ordinance 20-0147-S19 and urge my city council representative, Jose Huizar (who blocked me on Twitter), to do the same.

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Name: K Smith

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 12:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Requesting a Rent Moratorium for the city of Los Angeles, and surrounding neighborhoods, due to employment instability, during the current COVID crisis. Thank you for your time.

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Name: Emily Danza
Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 01:25 PM
Council File No: 20-0147-S19
Comments for Public Posting: I'm asking that there be a rent moratorium through out the duration of the Covid-19 Safer at Home order. Those of us living paycheck to paycheck need time and support.

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Name: Sarah Latin-Kasper

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 10:50 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi there, since there will not be a public meeting allowing LA County residents to make statements- I will make mine here, as directed by Mayor Garcetti's office. Due to Covid 19 many people, including myself, have lost their jobs or had their hours cut by no choice of their own. I respect and understand the necessary decisions made by our representatives at this time to implement a "safer at home" policy. However, due to these circumstances many people are now having to face huge economic hardships with bills to pay and no money coming in. It's absurd to me that people should have to worry about this right now. There needs to be an immediate moratorium on rent and mortgages for April and May 2020. This needs to be put in effect before April 1st. It's imperative to everyone's well-being during this time. People shouldn't have to risk their health and the health of those around them during this time due to them being unable to pay their bills. In addition to this, I urge the city to make a plan for safe housing of homeless LA residents and those at high-risk of homelessness during this time. Stop the street sweeps of encampments and towing of trailers and RV's that often worsen the conditions and living situations of our fellow Angeleno's who have nowhere else to go. I also urge the city to petition Governor Newsom for assistance for small businesses that have been forced to close during this time and may not recover. These small businesses create vital employment for Los Angeles residents and play a much needed role in our communities. I work for a small business that had to let me and the rest of their employees go during this time due to a complete loss of work. With no timeline available for this crisis- understandably so- the business I work for was forced to close with the hope that they'll have saved enough to have the means to re-open once they are able. The reality is that they may not be able to. These businesses need assistance- not loans. Corporations with huge collateral can take out loans. They have the money to pay them back. Thank you, Sarah Latin-Kasper

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Name: Jordan Wheatley

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 10:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Due to the widespread loss of jobs because of the COVID-19 outbreak, many people cannot pay their rents on April 1st. Please call a special Emergency Session to address the needs of tenants, workers, and the unhoused BEFORE APRIL 1ST. We need the City Council to address these pressing concerns ASAP, specifically with a rent suspension. The eviction moratorium established by Governor Newsom does not go far enough. It requires tenants to pay back missed rent payments which will be near impossible for most wage earners, especially low-wage earners. We must implement a rent suspension for as long as needed until this crisis is under control. Respectfully, Jordan Wheatley District 13

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Name: Timothy McKeown

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 11:04 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a freelance Audio engineer, and due to the pandemic my work has come to a grinding halt and I won't be able to earn a pay check until this is all over as I work in night clubs. I am a renter here in Los Angeles and it would greatly help if we could put a pause on rent until this is all cleared up. thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Tyler

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 11:05 AM

Council File No: 20-0147-S19

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge all Los Angeles officials to unite behind an immediate suspension of rent and bill collection for the duration of the Covid 19 crisis. It is obscene to sit idly by while potentially millions of your citizens can't pay rent and may thereby face either immediate or eventual homelessness through no fault of their own. History will cast a dark shadow on all elected officials who do help to enact a moratorium immediately.

Communication from Public

Name: stephanie szerlip

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 03:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Monday March 24, 2020 Dear Mayor Garcetti, The world is besieged by a pandemic that has paralyzed the ability of millions of your residents in Los Angeles to work and to pay rent. As we approach April 1, many Los Angelenos not only fear for their health and well-being, they also fear losing housing and food security at no fault of their own. Many of your residents are facing the impending decision of paying for rent, food or healthcare. Given the imperative that people stay isolated and in place, the rent of residents and small business owners should be forgiven, without exception or means-testing, until the crisis has passed. We demand that the city implement a plan for rent suspension and rent forgiveness for the duration of this crisis. Failure to do so will exacerbate the spread of this vicious disease. If rent is simply postponed or delayed, you will simply be delaying a deepening of the current housing crisis. All Los Angelenos are making extraordinary sacrifices at this moment. Landlords and corporate property developers should not be exempt from the impact of this crisis, while the rest of the city faces existential peril. If rent forgiveness is not imposed by our city, state and national governments, citizens will have no choice but to act collectively to protect ourselves. It is the responsibility and moral duty of governments to lessen the consequences of scourges such as this. This health crisis has poured gasoline on many of Los Angeles' slower-burning crises, with housing being the most salient example of combustion in our city. We trust that you will act boldly, decisively and in the interest of the people of Los Angeles. Sincerely, Stephanie szerlip

Mayor Eric Garcetti
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring St.,
Los Angeles, CA, 90012

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Sincerely,
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Name: Lauren Schwein
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Comments for Public Posting: I believe that the city of Los Angeles should forgive rent payments to all residents during the COVID-19 shutdown of the city. I have heard talk of the possibility of renters being able to defer their payments during this crisis but, in a city where skyrocketing rents is already a problem, the employment crisis that COVID-19 has brought upon the city is going to hurt everyone. I'm a freelancer and so are thousands of Angelenos. I don't know how long my income will hold steady during this crisis. Income forgiveness will help the economy by ensuring that the people who live in Los Angeles whose employment has been adversely affected by this shutdown will be able to continue doing so after this is all over.