

Communication from Public

Name: Giovanna Sundqvist Olmos

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 06:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0147-S19

Comments for Public Posting: I want a rent moratorium. A suspension of rent for the rest of the year. So that people can stay at home and afford food until covid 19 is over and no one is infected. save lives, suspend rent. its easy!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 09:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to request a rent freeze for the residents within Los Angeles. This request isn't for me but for the people who this pandemic affects disproportionately: the poor, the gig workers, the hourly employees who aren't working right now, the single parents, victims of domestic violence who are struggling to get back on their feet, and the people who are forced to work right now in spite of threat of illness. This is the right thing to do. If unemployment rises as this pandemic continues, the surge in homelessness will continue; which is not only a safety/public health concern but a moral one. As neighbors and members of this great city, we have an obligation to care for one another. In this time of uncertainty and fear, we must act with grace and humanity. Please pass a rent freeze until forced isolation and social distancing is over. Thank you.

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Name: Anthony Bosque

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 03:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello all, I am and have been a resident of Los Angeles County my whole life. Currently I live in Boyle heights, an area directly affected by the coronavirus outbreak, making millions of people lose their jobs. Most people in the area and most people that I know work more than one job just to survive with the high rent and expenses in the city. With the loss of work for myself and my roommates, with the EDD being overwhelmed and messing up on my paperwork weeks before the stock market crash and weeks barely even able to afford food, I have no idea how I will be able to afford my rent for the next two months. The residents of Los Angeles can not go back to work, and even when we are able to look for jobs, I am going to have to stay inside a bit longer due to my health issues (which is a whole different story). I would like to ask for a rent freeze for Los Angeles. Many people will lose their houses, and even if we just don't get evicted, we will still have to catch up on rent, which will NEVER happen with our current situation at hand. If you can hear the pleas from everyone in the city of Los Angeles, can you please put a rent freeze in effect starting April 1st, 2020 (worst year ever so far). Thank You,
-Anthony Bosque

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Name: Timothy Murray

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 03:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am fortunate enough to work at an essential service but my partner cannot and a rent moratorium would help us continue to live in this wonderful city. At a time like this I want to be in Los Angeles more than ever

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Name: Cristina I Lugo

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 04:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello all, as a resident of Los Angeles and a Social Worker, I am keenly aware of the challenges many of my neighbors face in paying rent each month. For some families it requires fitting as many paying family members as they can into an apartment, working multiple jobs and cutting back on any other expenses. Given the well-known astronomical rents in our city, we are lucky to still have these citizens living in city limits. Many of these same folks are now losing all of their income due to the COVID-19 crisis and will not see another paycheck for the foreseeable future. An eviction moratorium for this population would simply delay their eventual homelessness, of which we already have a dire crisis. It is not their faults that have found themselves in this situation and as city officials, it is your duty to do everything you can to protect these vulnerable citizens. We need a rent suspension for the entirety of this crisis that results in NO rental debt and can allow these folks to survive what is sure to be a recession in the coming months. We cannot afford to allow our homelessness crisis to grow any worse and we cannot afford to turn our backs on such a large percentage of residents in our city who are losing their jobs right now. The most humane response in the face of this challenge is to suspend rents starting April 1st. I will be watching how my councilman votes on this and will vote accordingly when it is time for his re-election. Thank you.

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Name: Hallee Morvan

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 03:24 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello! I consider myself very lucky to live such a wonderful city. What is not lucky, is this current public health crisis, it has put the vast majority of hard working citizens out of a job with no means to generate an income. Those who still find themselves employed are put in danger every day. What an awful situation we have found ourselves in. Never, would I have predicted so many of my loved ones and fellow angelinos stressed, out of work and unable to pay rent. Even before this crisis, expensive LA rent is something that many people struggle with and work hard to afford, often with multiple jobs. Frankly, we are all terrified of what's to happen in the coming weeks. We need to unite as a community and be kind, understanding and generous whenever possible. Can we please give the people of LA a break during these grim times? To preserve our economy, prevent debt and homelessness, suspend the rent. Thank you for reading!

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Name: Anita Rhea Tepp
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Comments for Public Posting: I am among one of the proud Angelenos who are hardworking artists. Many of us work multiple part time service jobs to make ends meet to pay our rent. I am also a volunteer organizer of a festival for independently published writers in Los Angeles, L.A. Zine Fest, an event that has been cancelled due to concerns about the safety of our attendees and exhibitors. I'm writing on behalf of my self, the musicians i am in community with who perform regularly for income, and the 200+ exhibitors who were counting on L.A. Zine Fest to subsidize the cost of rent, food and utilities over the next several months. We are frightened. We do not know what we are going to do come the 1st of the month. I've scrambled to translate some of what I can offer and provide in digital forms, but it's not enough. Please consider a rent freeze and a utility freeze, not just for rent increases, but for the cost of maintaining shelter until we are able to safely enter the workforce again. Not doing so will have detrimental generational effects on our mental and physical health.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 10:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am calling as part of the Healthy LA coalition to ask you to enact stronger protections for our community in response to COVID-19. I call on Council President Nury Martinez to hold an emergency City Council meeting this week to vote on these urgent policies. Our families and vulnerable community members need immediate action to protect our health and our livelihoods. I urge you to draft and support motions to: Enact a strong moratorium on evictions related to both nonpayment of rent and the presence of unauthorized occupants and pets, as well as all “no cause” evictions. Nobody should be evicted during an emergency that requires people to shelter in place. Have the City should work with the State and financial institutions to continue suspending mortgage payments for homeowners and landlords, and pursue options to forgive rent obligations for the duration of the crisis, including a recovery period after the state of emergency is lifted. Implement an immediate freeze on all residential and commercial rent increases and LADWP utility bill increases in Los Angeles. Prohibit landlords from charging late fees. Provide 14 days of paid sick leave to all workers and prohibit retaliation against those who take it. Workers must feel safe to stay home through their illness for the public’s safety. Immediately supply dumpsters, showers, hand washing stations, bathrooms, vermin abatement, soap, and water to every informal settlement in Los Angeles.

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Name: Ian Wingate-Waxler

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 02:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: A rent freeze/moratorium/suspension (or whatever the correct terminology is that means "nobody gets charged rent, back rent, nor late fees") needs to be enacted. There are too many people who will be unable to pay rent after 2 weeks of not working, even after unemployment benefits are obtained. The number of people who will be hardest hit, the people who have no additional resources, is just too great. I've seen this number quoted at 600,000, but I suspect it is more. This is an emergency.

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Name: Zachary Burba

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 11:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need a rent and mortgage suspension to protect the people of the city. If we don't this will end with a massive increase in homelessness. Lets stop the domino effect and do whats right for the people of our wonderful city. Please have a meeting before April 1st to discuss!!

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra Fisk

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 11:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Greetings all, I love this city and I am also aware of the challenges of living here. One is the notoriously high rent, for which people regularly and diligently employ elaborate methods of paying. Most people I know have at least 2 jobs, and are hardworking, visionary folks that aim to work and create at the same time. Whether their creativity is as an artist or as a family is equal and important. They are not without work right now for a failure on their part— in fact many of them would risk the lives of themselves and others to get work again, and we can't afford to endanger so many. To preserve our robust economy, stateside and elsewhere, we need to give the good people of LA a break in these unprecedented times. Suspend the rent, or declare a moratorium— whichever ensures they do not need to be saddled with repayment debt. We are stronger together. Thank you for reading.

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Name: Alyssa Julian

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Comments for Public Posting: Due to the widespread loss of jobs from the COVID-19 outbreak, many people cannot pay their rents on April 1. Please call a Special Emergency Session to address the need of tenants, workers and the unhoused BEFORE APRIL 1. We need the City Council to address these pressing concerns ASAP, specifically with a rent suspension that will not require tenants to pay back rent as the current eviction moratorium suggests. We know that FFHA has extended mortgage forgiveness to multifamily properties that agree not to evict tenants so we're aware that banks and mortgage holders are receiving more assistance and protections than the vast majority of renters. The eviction moratorium established by Governor Newsom is not enough. It requires tenants to pay back missed rent payments which will be near impossible for most wage earners especially low-wage earners, not to mention the disabled community who are already in dire conditions. We must implement a rent suspension for as long as needed until this crisis is under control.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremy Leasure

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