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Date Submitted: 03/30/2020 10:38 PM

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Name: Gabrielle Datau

Date Submitted: 03/30/2020 04:00 PM

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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 1. Please call a Special Emergency Session to address the needs of tenants, workers, and the unhoused BEFORE 4/1. We need the City Council to address these pressing concerns ASAP, specifically with a rent suspension. The eviction moratorium established by Gavin Newsom does not go far enough. It requires tenants to payback missed rent payments which will be near impossible for most wage earners, particularly low-wage earners. We must implement a rent suspension for as long as needed until this crisis is under control. Respectfully, Gabrielle Datau, District 10

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Date Submitted: 03/30/2020 04:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Because the city (and to a lesser degree, the state) imposed a moratorium on evictions for non-payment during the shelter-in-place order and not a mandatory rent freeze/suspension with forgiveness of rent-related debts accrued, there are property owners exploiting a giant loophole. Here's an example of what I'm referring to: My lease runs from April 1 through March 31. I received a letter the second week of March letting me know that I could log in to the resident portal linked to the multifamily property where I live to let my landlord know whether I want to renew for another year. I logged in and indicated to my landlord that I do indeed want to renew for another year. I noticed that the new lease terms were not set to begin, however, until April 15, and my current lease expires on March 31 (tomorrow). I received an email letting me know that my choice to renew my lease was recorded and I just had to sign my new lease once it was ready. I went to the leasing office two days later and talked to a temp from the property management company about getting my new lease sent to me. (I've lived at this property since 2006, and the leases are always sent to the tenant via an online link, and all signing takes place online - there are no paper copies kept on file here at the property or, perhaps, anywhere.) The temp with whom I spoke told me that the senior property manager would be putting together the leases when he was back in the office on March 26. I didn't receive anything that week, though, and it's been difficult getting through since the office is closed to walk-in traffic and can only be contacted via phone. I called the leasing office today, March 30, and another temp told me that the owners won't be renewing leases while the shelter-in-place and eviction moratorium are in effect. I told him that I wasn't comfortable with that, as it meant that I wasn't protected via lease, and the temp told me that I could call the stabilization board if I was worried. I let him know that this property has never been governed by RSO because it was built about two months after the act was passed in the 1970s. He argued that I was wrong; I'm not (for reference, I live at 21530 Califa Street, 91367 - this is not an RSO property; had it been, my rent wouldn't have doubled between 2010 and 2019). The temp told me that anyone whose lease is to renew during this time will just be put on a month-to-month lease. This means that 1) we're not protected the way we would be if we had

full-term leases, and 2) technically, the landlord - Interstate Equities - can evict me at the end of the moratorium for any inability to pay rent during the moratorium OR if they choose to increase the rent beyond the 5%+inflation rent cap that went into effect January 1, 2020. I told the temp that I hope I'll be given my new 12-month lease at some point before this is all over, and he said, "Well... it could happen, I guess." When I expressed discomfort with this whole arrangement (of which I'm aware ONLY because I've been pursuing it, not because anyone has had the decency to inform me unbidden), he told me, again, that I could contact the stabilization board with my concerns and they would ease my worries. So, my landlord - Interstate Equities - is exploiting what appears to be a loophole in the moratorium, which should really be a suspension with all rent-related debts forgiven, and tenants won't be protected. I'm a good tenant; I've been at this same property since 2006, and though many of the owners in that time have been varying degrees of unscrupulous, none have ever been so exploitive as the current owners. I implore you to address this loophole and to please, please, please consider a total rent suspension with debt forgiveness throughout the shelter-in-place/moratorium period. People in this city have been barely getting by due to high rent costs for years, and to think that most of us will be able to make up back rent after the moratorium is over is tone deaf. Please help where neither the state nor the feds have or will. Thank you for your time and your consideration in this matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Ingrid Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 03/28/2020 09:06 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Sample script: Councilmembers, we direly need YOU to lead right now in enacting a 100% rent and mortgage moratorium in Los Angeles for the duration of this crisis and the recovery period. - 100% Rent and Mortgage moratorium for all collection in the city of LA - FORGIVENESS of rent and mortgages accrued during this time, and a MORATORIUM on utility bill collection and shutoffs - This is the biggest economic and health care crisis Los Angeles has faced in centuries and our city council must lead where our federal and state governments have not! You all have the opportunity to make Los Angeles either a model for resilience and solidarity, or a model for absolute disaster. But you don't have time to delay and dither on which side of that you wish to see as the outcome. You have to choose now and the choice could not be clearer. Please councilmembers, act to make *us* whole while our federal government is working overtime to make banks and mega corporations whole instead of us. Please act now.

Communication from Public

Name: Sara Bello

Date Submitted: 03/29/2020 11:45 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 hopefully put an end to this pandemic sooner than later. I would also like to reach out regarding rent suspension. 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 check. 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 a rent suspension would help all of us immensely. Please put a rent suspension 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 also need a ban on utility shutoffs. Having a home, water, gas, and electricity are not essentials, but a human right. Thank you, Sara Bello

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Name: Brooke Powell

Date Submitted: 03/30/2020 03:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is what we need: 1. 100% Rent and Mortgage moratorium for all collection in the city of LA 2. FORGIVENESS of rent and mortgages accrued during this time, and a MORATORIUM on utility bill collection and shutoffs. This is the biggest economic and health care crisis Los Angeles has faced in centuries and our city council must lead where our federal and state governments have not!

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Name: Balazs Lucza

Date Submitted: 03/30/2020 09:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Due to the current situation there should be a suspension of rent payments effective of March 1st until the stay home is in effect. I, just like many other people, who can't work right now in their regular jobs, had to pick up other work to be able to cover rent. By this we are not able to abide by the stay home recommendation, risking our health and also risking to spread the infection maybe unknowingly. The reliefs that have been announced so far will not protect people in LA where rents are high. Many other countries have suspended rent and mortgage payments while this quarantine period lasts. A moratorium on evictions and rent increase will not help anyone on their own. If someone cannot pay the rent this month or next month due to lack of income, they will not be able to make twice or three times more once the quarantine is over so they can pay back what they couldn't pay during this time. People will be lucky if they can find jobs. If there won't be a rent suspension, there will be a much bigger crisis by people losing their homes ending up in a debt cycle, and it will take much longer for the economy to recover.

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Name: Nathaniel Boggess
Date Submitted: 03/30/2020 10:53 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Resident of Los Feliz here. I had a good, union job until the shelter in place order was enacted. If I'm not allowed to do my job, the property management companies shouldn't be allowed to collect rent. It's very simple. I'm doing my part, they should do theirs. Thank you Nathaniel

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/30/2020 11:41 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a lifelong resident of Los Angeles, currently residing in zip code 90027. Please consider the urgent needs of your citizens and enact immediate rent forgiveness for the duration of the Covid-19 crisis. Requiring citizens to continue paying rent who are unable to work due to the mandatory Stay at Home order is unethical and should be illegal. A freeze on rent increases and evictions does not go far enough. How are people supposed to have the means to pay months of back rent, when they have been prevented by the State and County from earning an income? If immediate action is not taken to relieve the burden of already-unsustainable rents in Los Angeles, when the virus crisis is over, a new crisis will be at hand - thousands of families and hardworking individuals losing their homes. We urgently need your help. Thank you.

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Name: Katherine Horning

Date Submitted: 03/30/2020 12:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for taking the time to read this. My name is Katie and I am a resident of Los Feliz and am asking you to PLEASE enforce a rent moratorium for as long as the "shelter in place" order is in effect. I'm a fitness instructor and make income based on teaching classes at several studios throughout LA that are now closed. I am unable (and have been unable) to go to work, which means I can't make an income, and that makes it impossible to pay rent. I am asking you to please consider so many of us in a similar situations and to put into place a hold on paying rent until this pandemic is over. Thank you again for your consideration and I hope that you and your family are healthy and safe through this time. Kind regards, Katherine Horning

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Name: Mallin Alter

Date Submitted: 03/30/2020 12:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support HealthyLA's agenda of: -A strong moratorium on evictions -Rent forgiveness and mortgage suspension -An immediate freeze on all residential and commercial rent and utility bill increases -14 Days of paid sick leave to all workers and prohibit retaliation -Dumpsters, showers, hand washing stations, bathrooms, and other services at every informal settlement

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Name: Michele Prichard
Date Submitted: 03/30/2020 12:49 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter in support of Healthy LA Coalition recommendations. Thank you.



March 27, 2020

Dear Members of the LA City Council,

Thank you for all of your hard work to protect and assist LA's residents during this incredible time.

We need City Council to stand with our most vulnerable residents who will likely feel the severest impacts of this crisis. We need you to enact stronger protections for our community in response to COVID-19. Our families and vulnerable community members need immediate action to protect our health and our livelihoods. So, we urge you support motions that will do the following:

1. 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. People should not have to go to court to prove the impact of coronavirus on them to counter an eviction filing. Nobody should be evicted during an emergency that requires people to shelter in place.
2. Have the City work with the State and financial institutions to Suspend Mortgage payments for homeowners and landlords, and Forgive Rent obligations for the duration of the crisis, including a recovery period after the state of emergency is lifted.
3. Implement an immediate Freeze on all residential and commercial Rent Increases and prohibit landlords from charging late fees.
4. Immediately Supply dumpsters, showers, hand washing stations, bathrooms, vermin abatement, soap, and water to every informal settlement in Los Angeles.
5. Prioritize workplace health and safety, including mandated Paid time for and access to hand-washing and sanitizing, provision of Protective gear, and appropriate Training for those still at work, especially grocery workers, food service workers, and delivery drivers.
6. 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.
7. Protect workers' livelihoods by enacting "just cause," "right of recall," and "worker retention" policies to stop unscrupulous employers from unjustly terminating workers during this crisis, and to ensure that when it is safe to return to work, they still have jobs to return to.

Thank you again for all of your efforts,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Prichard".

Michele Prichard, Senior Director for Strategic Initiatives, Liberty Hill Foundation

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Name: Benjamin Newman

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, Due to the corona virus quarantine, it is impossible for myself and many others to work in order to pay bills, specifically rent (which is often the most expensive bills). I would like to request a county wide rent suspension order to assist those who are in this unfortunate situation. I believe this will take a lot of pressure off of many households during this already stressful time. Please consider this, as many many people in LA and all around the world are facing financial issues due to the coronavirus pandemic. Thank you.

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Name: Jill Jordan

Date Submitted: 03/30/2020 02:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for taking the time to read this. My name is Jill Jordan and I am a resident in the best little neighborhood of Franklin Village. I love it here. I am writing to ask, even beg, that our city government PLEASE enforce a rent moratorium for as long as the “shelter in place” order directive is in effect. I’m a fitness and Pilates instructor where my income is based solely off of teaching classes at fitness studios throughout the city that, through this order, were forced to close. I am unable, and have been unable since March 15th, to go to work and make any income making it impossible to pay rent. I am asking that you please consider all of us that would work and be self-sufficient if we could and please put a hold on all rent due until this pandemic of Covid-19 is resolved. Thank you again for your time and I hope that you and your loved ones are staying healthy and safe.