

Communication from Public

Name: David Quattrocchi

Date Submitted: 03/27/2020 12:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Protect tenants with an indefinite full rent moratorium with fundraising assistance available to those who cannot pay it back within 6 months; provide job assistance for those laid off or fired during the next few months; provide all safety assistance including gloves and N95 masks for workers of grocery, drug retail, and food delivery with complete medical coverage for infected workers; cover sick leave for any workers sick or tending to sick loved ones during the pandemic; require retail food stores to dedicate one hour of customer business exclusively to the elderly and the disabled. And do this all with compassion and complete forgiveness in the name of humanity and love for your constituents who rely on you to assist in timely and helpful ways during crises such as this one.

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Name: Elizabeth isralowitz

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Comments for Public Posting: I wish to speak on items 1-5, item 15 and public comment. I am speaking from the Los Angeles tenants union, Wilshire center Koreatown neighborhood council a resident of CD 13 and a worker in CD 14. I ask the council ammend items 1-5 to meet the requests of the Healthy LA coalition and the LA Tenants Union. I ask for a complete eviction moratorium for all evictions and the enactment of a renters right to council. To do this I request the city council hold an additional emergency meeting no later than March 30th to meet the April 1st rent deadline. Working though the weekend may not be ideal but is what many of us must do to make it by. The residents of Los Angeles call on you to use imenant domain to open all state, government agency, and city owned residential buildings and lots to immediate use as affordable housing and/or resource for the unhoused and unemployed. This includes immediate use if the 200 vacant homes owned by CalTrans and an end to the harassment of those reclaiming their rightful homes. The people of Los Angeles immediately call for all privately owned vacant residential units, many of which are owned by large corporations that have been bleeding our residents for years, to be used to house the unhoused and housing insecure who are ready to transition independent housing. After which these units should continue to be made available to these individuals at a rate to be negotiated with residents and local support agencies. I also ask that as we continue into this recession like none any of us have experienced before you authorize a roll back of all rent increases over the past 5 years of more than a cumulative 10% . On item 15 I completely support the cities acquisition of Hillside Villa. For the record I would like to divulge I am not a renter, I am homeowner and at one time a landlord, and a public school teacher I worked two jobs to save to purchase my home. But I support people of this city the majority of whom are renters and are struggling. If this all sounds extreme to landlords be aware renters hold the numbers and in numbers there is power. I believe protections should be given to small rental owners but we should not be bailing out corporate developers and landlords. Finally, I ask that the city council and the city attorney's office place a moratorium on all Los Angeles city planning approvals of discretionary and non-discretionary projects until a system of teleconferencing is in place or the crisis

has subsided and NCs are conducting regular meetings.

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Name: Melissa Wenke

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to comment on item #4. I work in the hospitality industry and this will absolutely bankrupt restaurants and hospitality industries all over the city. The margins for this industry are slim as it is that as we have not been able to operate there is no place for us to generate these funds to provide this type of sick leave. We are all doing our best during this crisis to keep operations going so our staff has a job to come back to when we are permitted to re open. Personally, I have been working 7 days a week from home and from our restaurant. We have a limited team on site doing what we can for the people who cannot be here. Please do not take our ability to operate off the table by passing this. As part of the hospitality community I have spoken to countless operators who will be forced to close for good and go in to bankrupt if this passes. We are all hard working people trying to provide healthcare and stability to a large work force. We will be cut off at the knees if this passes. Please note i am a manager at a restaurant not an owner but I understand that I will be absolutely out of a job if this passes. I would rather have a job to go back to then 10 days sick pay. Thank you for considering my remarks.
Melissa

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Name: Victor Narro

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Comments for Public Posting: I present these comments in support of Item Number 3 (20-0147-S44). As a UCLA labor academic researcher and professor, my area of specialization is workers' rights and protections under the law. Grocery, pharmacy, and delivery food drivers are essential workers in this pandemic. I have seen them become true "first responders," sacrificing their health to provide for the needs of customers suffering panic and anxiety. They need the following rights and protections to ensure greater safety, and to not spread COVID-19 for themselves, their families, and the community. 1. SCHEDULING: management is REQUIRED to grant scheduling changes for employees a. who must provide daycare for their own child b. to care for a sick member of their family or household c. who feel ill, exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to COVID-19 2. HOURS AND NEW HIRES: before hiring a new employee or using contract/temp workers, management must first offer work to current employees These workers should be afforded these without having to fear retaliation, suspension or event termination of their employment. Food delivery drivers are essential workers who need protections such as "no-contact" delivery. They are employees under the law and they need City Council to support and stand by them for their invaluable service during this crisis.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Ceballos y Campbell

Date Submitted: 03/26/2020 11:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Jessica Ceballos y Campbell and I am a mother, a tenant, an artist and arts administrator, and community organizer from and currently residing in Highland Park. I am writing to ask my city council 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. I urge my Councilmember Gil Cedillo and my entire LA City Council board to support motions to:

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 should work with the State and financial institutions to continue suspending 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. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

Thank you in advance, as I trust that you will consider the best and safest interest of your constituents. Jessica Ceballos y Campbell

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Name: DNC Coalition
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Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter from the coalition of food delivery companies serving Los Angeles restaurants, residents and first responders.



March 27, 2020

Dear Councilmembers:

On behalf of the nation's leading delivery network platforms, we write to you today to strongly oppose the draft ordinance governing grocery, drug retail, and food delivery workers. While we're pleased that both Governor Newsom and Mayor Garcetti have deemed our platforms "essential services," we're disappointed that, as drafted, the ordinance neither promotes health and safety nor extends any new protections to platform workers. In fact, it could result in adverse consequences for Californians, including those seeking to access one of the few types of work that remains continuously and safely available, by potentially forcing platforms to radically alter their businesses while desperately trying to meet the needs of residents.

The Los Angeles City Council has a long history of protecting the health and safety of Angelenos and finding ways to expand opportunities for them. In many ways, our companies were built to expand upon that good work. While we know the Council's goals are well intentioned, they have the potential to create more uncertainty and eliminate the opportunity we have all worked to create. Let's work together to give Angelenos the support and protections they deserve.

More than ever before, our platforms, which facilitate the delivery of prepared foods and groceries, are not just being deemed "essential services" for millions of Californians, they are also being recognized as critical lifelines for California businesses. In fact, just last week, Mayor Garcetti and several members of the Los Angeles City Council called upon our platforms to provide economic relief to Los Angeles restaurants and help facilitate online ordering. We believe in the importance of empowering local economies, especially during this time of need, which is why our platforms have announced financial assistance packages for local businesses. As the pandemic continues, we're also working closely with state and local governments to connect low-income Californians with safe access to prepared meals and groceries; create innovative programs to provide financial assistance to workers who are affected by COVID-19; deliver food for LA's first responders; open up our platforms to local school districts; and make contributions to local nonprofits who need our help the most.

Disappointingly, the City Council is now looking to punish the same platforms they recently called on for help by imposing requirements that could eliminate driver flexibility and rob our restaurants and retailers of the drivers and shoppers they need most.

As drafted, certain provisions of the proposed ordinance are simply unnecessary because they would codify the existing practices of the signatory companies, while other provisions are directly contrary to the interests of workers because they could remove access to flexible work opportunities. For example, workers on each of our platforms have full discretion to decide when, where, and how they work. As independent contractors, they are free to make their schedules and to adjust their hours for any reason



at all, without having to notify a boss. This flexibility is especially crucial for individuals who find themselves caretaking for children or other loved ones during the shelter in place order. Moreover, to promote the health and safety of workers and consumers alike, each of our platforms has already initiated no-contact deliveries. Thus, Sections 200.12 and 200.14 are superfluous in application.

Section 200.13, however, could completely undermine our ability to operate, grinding the economy to a halt and cutting Los Angeles residents off from food, groceries, and other necessities. Today, as so many Los Angeles residents face layoffs and furloughs, we are proud to provide them with opportunities to earn income, through this easily accessible, on-demand type of work. However, while we collectively appreciate and work to protect the interests of individuals who find work on our platforms, we cannot guarantee preference to those workers as the ordinance appears to require. Our platforms route deliveries based on the proximity of workers to jobs and the modes of transportation they use. Modifying this system would harm both customers and workers by undercutting the value of the service by taking time and energy away from serving the Los Angeles community. Additionally, prioritizing delivery of food and necessary items based upon a worker's tenure rather than proximity to the seller could mean significantly longer wait times for meals and health and wellness products to vulnerable populations.

In the middle of what is quickly becoming one of the worst economic downturns in a century, delivery network companies are ensuring that hundreds of local brick and mortar retailers and restaurants can stay in business; thousands of Angelenos can continue to earn income to provide for themselves and their families; and our most vulnerable populations, including the elderly and immunocompromised, can continue to access food and essential supplies from their homes. As 3.3 million jobless claims rock the U.S. economy, a midnight regulation to shutter opportunities to earn and support local businesses would only set us back. We strongly urge you to reconsider this measure and work with us to support LA's restaurants and brick and mortar retailers as well as their employees and delivery drivers.

Sincerely,

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CC: Mayor Eric Garcetti, City Attorney Mike Feuer

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Name: Sarah

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Comments for Public Posting: I am an employee at an essential business and applaud you for trying to support workers on the front line who are putting themselves at risk to provide an essential service. However I was disappointed to see nothing about allowing employees who are able to work from home the protections of doing so without being penalized or employees with underlying health conditions the rights to self quarantine without fear of being let go. Many of these businesses cannot get masks or gloves and don't have the ability to properly socially distance because of the limited space. This is a risk many employees don't feel they can make but are faced with no options but to work or get fired. Where is the right to choose? Thank you for your time.

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Name: Steven Alper

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Comments for Public Posting: Please consider requiring essential businesses such as grocery stores to institute between customer disinfection protocols. Namely cashiers should wipe the counter/scanner, keypads and gloved-hands with disinfectant between EACH customer. Please consider that the cashier typically touches every single item that every single customer purchased and then touches every single item subsequently purchased and touched by every customer that comes after. Check out counters are a cross contamination choke point. Thank you Dr Steven Alper Beachwood Canyon.

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Name: Amanda Munoz
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Comments for Public Posting: This is a call to our City Council to take into consideration the tenants who are the life line of Los Angeles. I am calling for moratorium on evictions, rent forgiveness and mortgage suspension, and an immediate freeze on all residential and commercial rent and utility bill increases. This pandemic is affecting all of Los Angeles, and it is up to those of you to protect us during this time. Due to COVID-19, many of us have lost our only sources of income and it is disgusting that you expect us to continue payments as if there is not a pandemic happening. Those who have lost their jobs deserve increased protections and supplemental sick leave in order to help keep the rest of the community safe. Without these things in place, I don't understand how else we will be able to survive.