

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Caitlin Raftery  
**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 09:55 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0147

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need an eviction moratorium that covers EVERYONE. Me and my husband demand a universal eviction moratorium for ourselves and our neighbors. We need to strengthen the eviction moratorium to protect renters for longer and not require proof that failure to pay is related to coronavirus, which may be impossible to obtain. All eviction notices served during this state emergency should be void. Council must immediately end 56.11 enforcement to stop criminalization, sweeps, and confiscation of properties of houseless Angelenos and instead mobilize public health response including: ID city buildings and safe parking areas for houseless people and provide sanitation, provide handwashing stations and porta potties at all encampments, and open up park and recreation facilities and public libraries for houseless people to access restrooms and handwashing. ALSO< we need a rent freeze covering all rental apartments in the City and stop commercial evictions of small businesses It is critical that the city take action to protect renters and those who are homeless during a GLOBAL PANDEMIC. Thank you so much. Caitlin Raftery Renter in district 1

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kendall Mayhew

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 10:01 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am extremely concerned about the inadequacies of the proposed Eviction Moratorium. The economic impacts of the COVID 19 outbreak are already reverberating through our communities, in large part because of the slow response at all levels of government. In the wake of this disaster we have seen enormous generosity from people throughout Los Angeles, with one particularly glaring exception. I have not seen a single example in Los Angeles of a landlord offering any rent relief at all. In fact, yesterday one of our members was informed by his landlord that he was actually RAISING the rent, in the middle of a global pandemic. The news came just hours after this young man learned his hours were being dramatically reduced at his workplace because of COVID 19. Of course, this is no surprise, as there is no history of generosity from landlords in this city. Because of their unwillingness to meaningfully participate in community, you as elected officials must force them to provide rent relief, in addition to a complete moratorium on evictions without vague language requiring some sort of "proof that failure to pay is related to coronavirus." We have all been impacted, and an international pandemic is no time for means testing. This moratorium must be universal, and it must also cover commercial leases for small businesses. Council must enact a rent freeze covering all rental apartments in the City and stop commercial evictions of small businesses. These businesses are in danger of failing simply because our city was unprepared to handle a predictable disaster. In particular, Asian-American businesses are being hit, not just with the fallout of COVID 19 in general but with Xenophobia and Racism, that has reduced their customer base for weeks at this point; ugly rhetoric coming straight from the Trump white house which must be combatted here in Los Angeles a proudly international city. In addition to a universal eviction moratorium, it is crucial that all 56.11 enforcement ceases immediately. Our unhoused neighbors are obviously particularly vulnerable to COVID 19 and must be protected in the following ways: stop criminalization, sweeps and confiscation of properties, provide hand washing stations and porta-potties at all encampments, open up park and recreation facilities and public libraries for houseless people to access restrooms and hand washing, identify city buildings and safe parking areas for houseless people and provide

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**Name:** Sherin V

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 10:02 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Councilors, Please do better. A means-tested, verification-required (when the City can't manage to process verifications) is useless. We need a full freeze on all evictions and a moratorium on rent while people put their lives back together. It should tell you everything you need to know that Dennis Block is tweeting about how this will all be business as usual for him. It can't be. It will force families into the street. Vulnerable people will die. Please, it is time for you to step up in a really big way, not just gesture towards change.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alex Sherman

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 10:05 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The proposed eviction moratorium is inadequate. You must halt the FILING of evictions and POSTING of eviction notices. Giving tenants a legal defense is not enough. Without a moratorium on FILINGS, you would grant landlords INCREDIBLY UNFAIR LEVERAGE. As long as landlords can file evictions, they can force tenants into showing up in courts to enter this defense. But the court is not a safe place for them to be in a pandemic. A tenant who chooses not to jeopardize their health, and the health of their families and communities, should not be placed at this significant legal disadvantage. Institute an immediate moratorium on filing evictions and posting eviction notices and place a stay on all trials, defaults, and lock-outs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kath Rogers

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 10:11 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The National Lawyers Guild of Los Angeles is an association of civil rights lawyers, legal workers, and community members throughout the region. We run two pro bono legal clinics for the unhoused community, provide legal support to the progressive movement, and deploy legal observers to protect civil rights throughout the region. We write today in strong support of the Health LA coalition proposed demands to help those most vulnerable to COVID-19 in our community. We commend your proactive response to this health crisis, and your recognition of the disproportionate effects it will have on low-income community members—especially those facing evictions and foreclosures. Because of the pervasive nature of mandatory public distancing measures, businesses are cutting back on hiring and employee hours. These economic effects of the crisis will have devastating impacts on low-income workers and their families. We wholeheartedly support a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures during the health crisis caused by COVID-19. We also respectfully request you ensure that renters are not burdened with proving a causal connection of the non-payment and COVID-19. Requiring proof of a direct causal effect of COVID-19 may exclude individuals indirectly affected by the secondary and tertiary economic effects of the health crisis. For instance, workers who cannot find jobs due to the economic downturn may not be able to prove a causal connection—yet that does not change the fact that they cannot afford to pay their rent. A moratorium on evictions will also help contain the spread of the virus. Housing courts throughout LA County are an environment which can expose thousands of individuals to unnecessary health risks. Mandatory court dates in eviction proceedings also contravene the Governor’s mandate that gatherings of more than 250 be cancelled. Not to mention that evictions during this time of uncertainty subject community members to housing insecurity—a factor which further exacerbates the existing threat to public safety. Finally, we recommend that additional funds be allocated for emergency income and medical assistance and providing necessary services to unhoused community members (while suspending disruptive and dangerous sweeps of unhoused encampments throughout the City). Thank you again for your quick response in this urgent public health crisis. Please do not

hesitate to reach out if we can be a resource as the City continues to respond to this public health emergency. NLG has hundreds of members with expertise in housing rights, immigrants' rights, and workers' rights. We are more than willing to help and provide input in the days, weeks, and months to come. I can be reached by email [Kath@NLG-LA.org](mailto:Kath@NLG-LA.org) or call (310) 313-3700. Kath Rogers, Executive Director, National Lawyers Guild of Los Angeles

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**Name:** Heather Booth

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The eviction moratorium MUST be a full moratorium, full stop, on all evictions, period. The moratorium must last for as long as this crisis lasts, and must protect all renters and small businesses regardless of their ability to prove Covid-19 related hardship - we are ALL facing Covid-19 hardship that will make tens of thousands if not more Angelenos homeless without your swift action. The unhoused are among the most vulnerable to this crisis and must be protected; we need the end of sweeps and criminalization of the unhoused immediately, and for the city to make available emergency housing for all unhoused folks, to provide handwashing stations, portapotties and restrooms to those who need them.



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**Name:** Carter Moon

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**Name:** Ethan Senser

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**Name:** Rabeya Sen

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Honorable Councilmembers, My name is Rabeya Sen from Esperanza Community Housing. Thank you for your leadership on this issue. We agree that it is critical that our city take action to protect renters and those who are homeless during a global pandemic. And, as a social justice nonprofit providing affordable housing, while also advocating for environmental justice, immigrant rights, equitable development, tenant rights, and anti-displacement measures, we wanted to share some further thoughts on the proposed measures to ensure the City's response is comprehensive and as strong as possible: (1) Strengthen the eviction moratorium announced last night to: (1) protect renters for longer; (2) not require renters to prove Covid-19 connection as this may be difficult to prove in many cases; and (3) prohibit filing eviction cases, posting eviction notices, or other actions that would require a tenant to appear in court and put their health at risk. (2) Use motels/hotels as emergency housing for the houseless (3) End 56.11 enforcement to stop criminalization, sweeps and confiscation of properties of houseless Angelenos and instead mobilize public health response, including: (3a) ID city buildings and safe parking areas for houseless people and provide sanitation (3b) Provide handwashing stations and porta-potties at all encampments (3c) Open up park and recreation facilities and public libraries for houseless people to access restrooms and handwashing (4) Place a moratorium on evictions for small businesses under commercial leases. (5) Enact a rent freeze on all rental apartments in the City of LA Also, as part of the Healthy LA Coalition, please see the op-ed we published yesterday: <http://healthyla.org/> Thank you for all you do and for your prompt action to protect all Angelenos in these times.

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**Name:** Mariana Huerta Jones

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am with the Healthy Los Angeles Coalition and with Alliance for Community Transit - Los Angeles. We urge you to vote yes on Councilmember Bonin's motion to adopt an eviction moratorium and provide safe and sanitary spaces for houseless Angelenos. Our city must freeze rents and stop all evictions, whether they COVID-19 related or not. The city must find public buildings for houseless Angelenos to take shelter, and provide handwashing stations at encampments. Additionally, we must provide cash assistance and relief to workers who have been laid off or whose hours have been reduced.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Adrian Bayoan Rossello-Cornier

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 10:37 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Honorable Councilmembers, My name is Adrian Bayoan Rossello-Cornier from the Liberty Hill Foundation and a resident of District 15. Thank you for your leadership on this issue. We agree that it is critical that our city take action to protect renters and those who are homeless during a global pandemic. And, we believe that these proposals need to be much stronger to ensure the City's response is comprehensive and as strong as possible: 1. Strengthen the eviction moratorium announced last night to: (1) protect renters for longer; (2) not require renters to prove Covid-19 connection as this may be difficult to prove in many cases; and (3) prohibit filing eviction cases, posting eviction notices, or other actions that would require a tenant to appear in court and put their health at risk. 2. Use motels/hotels as emergency housing for the houseless 3. End 56.11 enforcement to stop criminalization, sweeps and confiscation of properties of houseless Angelenos and instead mobilize public health response, including: a. ID city buildings and safe parking areas for houseless people and provide sanitation b. Provide handwashing stations and porta-potties at all encampments c. Open up park and recreation facilities and public libraries for houseless people to access restrooms and handwashing 4. Place a moratorium on evictions for small businesses under commercial leases. 5. Enact a rent freeze on all rental apartments in the City of LA Also, please see the op-ed we published yesterday: <http://healthyla.org/> Thank you for all you do and for your prompt action to protect all Angelenos in these times.

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**Name:** Liam Fitzpatrick

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 10:45 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am with Ground Game LA, and I am urging the Council to strengthen the eviction moratorium to protect renters for longer and not require proof that failure to pay is related to coronavirus, which may be impossible to obtain. All eviction notices served during this state of emergency should be void. Council must immediately end 56.11 enforcement to stop criminalization, sweeps and confiscation of properties of houseless Angelenos and instead mobilize public health response, including: ID city buildings and safe parking areas for houseless people and provide sanitation Provide handwashing stations and porta-potties at all encampments Open up park and recreation facilities and public libraries for houseless people to access restrooms and handwashing Lastly, Council must enact a rent freeze covering all rental apartments in the City and stop commercial evictions of small businesses. It is critical that our city take action to protect renters and those who are homeless during a global pandemic. Thank you.

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**Name:** Brittani Nichols  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** The response to COVID-19 has been too slow and not strong enough and that trend continues with the current proposed eviction moratorium. What you consider extraordinary lengths must be taken to protect our communities from this extraordinary threat. Elected officials must provide a COMPLETE moratorium on evictions. This moratorium must also cover commercial leases for small businesses. Council must enact a rent freeze covering all rental apartments in the city. These actions must be taken due to the lack of readiness from the city. The absolute lack of preparation before COVID-19 and during its early stages exacerbated problems beyond belief and the government must be accountable for its failings. Which brings me to 56.11. All enforcement should cease immediately. Our unhoused neighbors are particularly vulnerable to COVID 19 and must be protected in the following ways: stop criminalization, stop sweeps, stop confiscation of properties, provide hand washing stations, and provide porta potties at all encampments.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mackenzie Moore

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 10:51 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote for a rent freeze and moratorium on evictions for all Los Angeles renters and commercial businesses - this is the only way to ensure all residents remain safe within their homes as they lose work or face the choice of going to work and risking infection from COVID 19 in order to earn a living to pay bills and rent. Please also vote for enhanced shelters and facilities for the city's homeless population, with access to running water, soap, and laundry so they are able to stay as clean and safe as possible. This is an urgent matter to keep the community safe/

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sissy Trinh

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I work for a community organization that works in Chinatown, one of the hardest hit communities in LA. Our businesses have been experiencing COVID-19 related losses for nearly two months and many of our residents have been laid off from work for weeks. Meanwhile, landlords continue to demand rent increases and to harass both residential and commercial tenants who are also suffering from hate related incidences. We need a complete moratorium on evictions without vague language requiring some sort of "proof that failure to pay is related to coronavirus." This moratorium must be universal and it must also cover commercial leases for small businesses. Council must also enact a rent freeze covering all rental apartments in the City and stop commercial evictions of small businesses. In addition to a universal eviction moratorium, it is crucial that all 56.11 enforcement ceases immediately. Our unhoused neighbors are obviously particularly vulnerable to COVID 19 and must be protected in the following ways: stop criminalization, sweeps and confiscation of properties, provide hand washing stations and porta-potties at all encampments, open up park and recreation facilities and public libraries for houseless people to access restrooms and hand washing, identify city buildings and safe parking areas for houseless people and provide sanitation, allow people to keep their tents up at all times to self isolate as best as possible, stop towing RV's and cars that people are using for emergency shelter.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Danielle Leidner-Peretz  
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March 17, 2020

**Via Electronic Mail**

Members of the Los Angeles City Council  
City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

**Re: Mayoral Order- Temporary Eviction Moratorium Based on Non-payment of Rent Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

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Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

We are experiencing a global pandemic that has necessitated government action at all levels to curtail further advancement of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to minimize the financial loss affecting a multitude of industries and the individuals whose livelihoods are dependent on those industries. The Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles (AAGLA) urges the City Council to take a holistic approach in recognition of the detrimental impact of COVID-19 on the City's residents and businesses, all of whom need support during this most challenging time.

On Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Garcetti issued a public order which, among other matters, prohibits rental housing providers from evicting residential renters if the renter is able to "show an inability to pay rent due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic". The order also sets forth the applicable circumstances such as loss of income due to COVID-19 related workplace closure or medical expenses due to COVID-19 illness. Additionally, it explicitly states that renters are not relieved of their obligation to pay the rent and have six months following the expiration of the local emergency to make-up rent payments.

As the City evaluates the details of the moratorium, we urge the City Council to provide specific parameters relative to the moratorium to facilitate renters and rental housing providers rights and responsibilities. We urge the City Council to require that renters provide rental housing providers with written notice of their inability to pay the rent as soon as the circumstances set forth in the moratorium arises, so that rental housing providers can make financial adjustments, in order to account for the reduction in anticipated rental revenue. Of equal importance, renters should be required to provide specific, verifiable supporting employment or medical documentation reflecting that their loss of income is directly attributable to COVID-19. Further, rental housing providers should be permitted to request and accept partial rental payments from renters without modification



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of their lease agreements or limitation on their ability to later seek payment of unpaid rent. As the pandemic and related government interventions are continuously evolving, we urge the Council to set an emergency period of 30 days with the option to extend the moratorium as necessary.

The Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles (AAGLA) represents thousands of small rental housing providers, many of whom own properties in the City of Los Angeles and provide housing to the City’s residents. Many of our members are retirees who rely on the modest rental income they receive to support themselves and maintain their building for their renters. During these extremely difficult times, rental housing providers are instituting more frequent and stringent building cleaning protocols in promotion of the health and safety of residents and visitors entering their buildings which adds to their maintenance costs thereby increasing their current financial obligations associated with rental property ownership including mortgage payments, property taxes, insurance, and maintenance with service providers and vendors.

Deferred payment of rent has sweeping financial implications on not just the multifamily rental housing industry but also the small businesses that housing providers support. It is important to emphasize that eviction moratoriums will not replace a renter’s lost wages or cover the cost of food, medical prescriptions and related essentials. It is critical that the City Council establish an emergency assistance fund to provide essential financial support to all impacted residents and businesses struggling during these uncertain and turbulent times. We also urge the City Council to direct utility companies, financial institutions and lenders to extend grace periods, offer deferred payment plans and provide interim relief to rental housing providers who have reduced rental income resulting from local emergencies.

**During this pandemic, it is essential that we all work together to develop effective solutions that serve to assist all those impacted and not simply shift the financial burden from one group to another.** Thank you for your time and consideration of these matters. If you have any questions, please call me at (213) 384-4131; Ext. 309 or contact me via electronic mail at [danielle@aagla.org](mailto:danielle@aagla.org).

Very truly yours,

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It is absolutely imperative that the council pass a COMPLETE eviction moratorium. The city cannot further burden renters and small businesses with the need to prove that the eviction is linked to COVID-19. Allowing such a loophole will do nothing to avert an enormous tenants crisis.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chris Powers

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 11:35 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0147

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am with Los Angeles Tenants Union calling to urge Councilmember Nury Martinez to strengthen the eviction moratorium to protect renters for longer and not require proof that failure to pay is related to coronavirus, which may be impossible to obtain. All eviction notices served during this state of emergency should be void. Council must immediately end 56.11 enforcement to stop criminalization, sweeps and confiscation of properties of houseless Angelenos and instead mobilize public health response, including: -ID city buildings and safe parking areas for houseless people and provide sanitation -Provide handwashing stations and porta-potties at all encampments -Open up park and recreation facilities and public libraries for houseless people to access restrooms and handwashing -Lastly, Council must enact a rent freeze covering all rental apartments in the City and stop commercial evictions of small businesses. It is critical that our city take action to protect renters and those who are homeless during a global pandemic. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle Quick

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 11:37 AM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Angela Vroom

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 11:39 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0147

**Comments for Public Posting:** Also submitted to my councilman Mitch O'Farrell: Given the expansive and overwhelming crisis we're facing I wanted to write to personally implore you to vote to support a rent freeze on all rental properties- homes and small businesses- as an emergency survival measure for Los Angeles residents. I am a single mother living with my daughter in a studio apartment that costs more than 60% of my normal income- like tens of thousands of our friends and community members my work basically disappeared overnight. I, along with our entire community, am terrified that following the social distancing rules for public health will prevent me from being able to house and feed my family. We have no idea how long this crisis will last and need assistance at the local, state, and federal levels. The city will quickly become desperate without urgent action and so many of us are sleepless, trying to stay calm and home educate our children, trying to find any income opportunities while isolated, and facing the coming weeks with no guaranteed income and little savings. However you can use your position to fight for all of us who work so hard already in an unbelievably inflated and unjust housing market will be met with gratitude and remembered at the polls in future. Thank you for your service and advocacy at this unprecedented, daunting moment.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 11:49 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0147

**Comments for Public Posting:** There needs to be a freeze on rent, mortgage, and utility payments for the foreseeable future. It's the only moral thing to do.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Catherine Boyce

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 11:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0147

**Comments for Public Posting:** The people affected by the city shut down need drastic help, not half-measures. Please enact an eviction moratorium for EVERYONE. Every person is affected by this, making people prove that they are affected by the virus just creates unnecessary bureaucracy. Also please provide some financial assistance to those whose jobs are affected by COVID-19. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexander Ferrer

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 12:03 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0147

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Honorable Councilmembers, My name is Alexander Ferrer from Strategic Actions for a Just Economy. Thank you for your leadership on this issue. We agree that it is critical that our city take action to protect renters and those who are homeless during a global pandemic. And, we believe that these proposals need to be much stronger to ensure the City's response is comprehensive and as strong as possible: (1) Strengthen the eviction moratorium announced last night to: (1) protect renters for longer; (2) not require renters to prove Covid-19 connection as this may be difficult to prove in many cases; and (3) prohibit filing eviction cases, posting eviction notices, or other actions that would require a tenant to appear in court and put their health at risk. (2) Use motels/hotels as emergency housing for the houseless (3) End 56.11 enforcement to stop criminalization, sweeps and confiscation of properties of houseless Angelenos and instead mobilize public health response, including: (3a) ID city buildings and safe parking areas for houseless people and provide sanitation (3b) Provide handwashing stations and porta-potties at all encampments (3c) Open up park and recreation facilities and public libraries for houseless people to access restrooms and handwashing (4) Place a moratorium on evictions for small businesses under commercial leases. (5) Enact a rent freeze on all rental apartments in the City of LA Also, as part of the Healthy LA Coalition, please see the op-ed we published yesterday: <http://healthyla.org/> Thank you for all you do and for your prompt action to protect all Angelenos in these times.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Olivares

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 12:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0147

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Honorable Councilmembers, My name is Michael Olivares, I work with several health groups such as American Lung Association and Physicians for Social Responsibility. Thank you for your leadership on this issue. We agree that it is critical that our city take action to protect renters and those who are homeless during a global pandemic. And, we believe that these proposals need to be much stronger to ensure the City's response is comprehensive and as strong as possible: (1) Strengthen the eviction moratorium announced last night to: (1) protect renters for longer; (2) not require renters to prove Covid-19 connection as this may be difficult to prove in many cases; and (3) prohibit filing eviction cases, posting eviction notices, or other actions that would require a tenant to appear in court and put their health at risk. (2) Use motels/hotels as emergency housing for the houseless (3) End 56.11 enforcement to stop criminalization, sweeps and confiscation of properties of houseless Angelenos and instead mobilize public health response, including: (3a) ID city buildings and safe parking areas for houseless people and provide sanitation (3b) Provide handwashing stations and porta-potties at all encampments (3c) Open up park and recreation facilities and public libraries for houseless people to access restrooms and handwashing (4) Place a moratorium on evictions for small businesses under commercial leases. (5) Enact a rent freeze on all rental apartments in the City of LA Also, as part of the Healthy LA Coalition, please see the op-ed we published yesterday: <http://healthyla.org/> Thank you for all you do and for your prompt action to protect all Angelenos in these times. Michael and Family

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Trevor Dawn

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 12:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0147

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need an eviction moratorium that (1) protects renters for longer than the current one (2) does not require renters to prove Covid-19 connection as this may be difficult to prove in many cases (3) prohibits filing eviction cases, posting eviction notices, or other actions that would require a tenant to appear in court and put their health at risk.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hollis A.

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 01:09 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0147

**Comments for Public Posting:** The city of Los Angeles desperately needs a rent freeze as we try to deal with the effects of Covid-19. So many of us rely on the entertainment industry for work and now millions of us are unemployed. We are begging you to please enact a rent freeze.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Scott W Doyle

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 01:31 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0147

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the recommendations of the Healthy LA Coalition for addressing the COVID-19 pandemic: including a moratorium on all evictions, for all tenants, and for all small businesses; using motels, hotels, and vacant City property to shelter the unsheltered; a halt on the sweeps of encampments which make a vulnerable population even more vulnerable; and a rental freeze.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** nate

**Date Submitted:** 03/17/2020 02:39 PM

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