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Comments for Public Posting: Please eminent domain this building. The city can then: 1) own it and operate it as affordable, rent controlled housing. 2) sell it to the tenants that currently occupy it. In either case, the city will avoid the mass displacement of residents. Given that eviction is the second leading cause of houselessness, eminent domaining will send a message that private developers and management companies can no longer price gouge and displace tenants with impunity. Clearly, the status quo is not working. Private developers are not creating enough affordable housing. Private developers are price gouging tenants. L.A. has a real opportunity to lead here and look at alternative models of housing provision. For example, in Vienna, 60% of housing is public. In Berlin, the city has the first right of refusal on housing in an effort to create a robust supply of city-owned housing to compete with private housing stock. Do the right thing and help these tenants avoid houselessness.