

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Blanca Sinclair

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 08:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** Is so heartless, how someone with lots of resources to survive this tempestuous coronavirus epidemic times, have the courage to push out a potential victim to the the streets Where is his humanity, how people become so money hungry is beyond my comprehension. GOD,have mercy on his soul, that is unforgivable. How the big fish eat , the little fish.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Craig Wong

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 08:39 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please support Councilman Gil Cedillo's motion to use eminent domain to maintain Hillside Villa as affordable housing. The City of Los Angeles faces a housing crisis that calls for leadership by the city council to protect the housing rights of the working people who built this city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ilana Goldszer

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 09:54 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am commenting in support of the Hillside Villa tenants. I want to encourage the city council to support their ability to stay in their homes at this time. Los Angeles does not have enough affordable housing. Please take steps to protect affordable housing by supporting the Hillside Villa tenants and their ability to stay in their homes. Tenants at Hillside Villa are currently facing eviction. We don't need more evictions, we need more affordable housing. Please help the tenants. Please purchase the property and protect affordable housing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Candice T

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 10:27 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a proud and native Angeleno, born in the now closed Pacific Alliance Hospital in Chinatown and raised 10 minutes from downtown. Moving back to Los Angeles in 2016 after living in the Bay Area for 10 years, I was shocked and horrified to see the exploding homeless population and lack of social progress in the city I call home. Here is an opportunity to course correct and to finally take action and do something by protecting the tenants of Hillside Villa with eminent domain and not adding one more person to the streets of LA. How will your moral compass guide you in voting today on Hillside Villa today? May you show compassion to those with lesser means and may you never find yourself in a situation of losing your home because of greed when something could have been done.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Steinborn

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 10:08 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is way cheaper to purchase and protect affordable housing than to build from the ground up. The City must acquire Hillside Villa through eminent domain!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sabrina Johnson  
**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 10:52 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0148  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Vote to protect the Tenants of Hillside Villa by using Eminent Domain to reclaim the building from Tom Botz, or lose your fucking jobs. Don't make me say this again.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance - Los Angeles

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 10:50 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance - Los Angeles Chapter joins with Hillside Villa tenants and the greater Chinatown community in calling for the city to use eminent domain to purchase the Hillside Villa Apartments building, preventing the mass eviction of low-income workers, immigrants, seniors, and families. As an organization dedicated to fighting for the rights, dignity, and well-being of Asian American and Pacific Islander workers and communities, we ask Council Members to act decisively and quickly to protect access to housing for the low wage workers and others who call Hillside Villa their home. Some residents have been living in these apartments for decades because of the extreme shortage of affordable housing for low wage workers, the very people who make our city's small businesses, restaurants, and other services run. This situation was already critical as Hillside Villa tenants have been fighting for over a year to stop exploitative rent increases, but the current COVID-19 crisis adds another layer of urgency to their campaign. At this moment, our leaders need to be doing all they can to help people stay in their homes and survive the economic, physical, and mental hardships our communities face in the midst of a global pandemic. To that end, the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance - Los Angeles Chapter endorses the motion introduced by Councilmember Gil Cedillo to enact eminent domain on the Hillside Villa Apartments so that the building can remain as affordable housing for dozens of low income tenants, and we urge City Council to act in support.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Claire Wazana Meredith

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 12:39 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** As an immigrant, downtown resident and concerned citizen, I'm writing in support of the motion for the city to use eminent domain to purchase Hillside Villa apartments and retain the current affordability measures in place. I think the city's acquisition of this building is imperative to ensure that hundreds of families don't end up homeless. In a city that is already severely struggling with a housing crisis and now a global health crisis, I can't imagine why it's leaders wouldn't take appropriate action to ensure that low-income residents are able to stay in their homes. Nury Martinez, David Ryu, Monica Rodriguez, these families need your leadership now. The city can not build housing fast enough to accomodate the existing needs for apartments for working families and should not hesitate in working to preserve the housing that currently exists. PLEASE. Take action now and acquire Hillside Villa. Keep these families in their home, where they belong.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 07:53 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want to voice my support for the city to preserve truly affordable housing and protect tenants - who are first and foremost human beings - from unscrupulous property owners who exploit tenants socioeconomic vulnerabilities for their own profit. The city has the opportunity to stand with and for economically vulnerable Angelenos, now and for generations to come. This pandemic is revealing how fragile safety and security actually is for so many of our neighbors. A person who knowingly and repeatedly exploits that fact for their own gain should not be given the de facto stamp of approval by the city to continue such behavior. Voting to preserve and protect truly affordable housing now and for generations to come is an act of humanity and dignity in a time where we need both more than ever. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Josh  
**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 07:54 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0148  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Buy the building and protect the tenants. The rent is too damn high for most people. Stop your gentrification NOW.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Liz Hirsch

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 07:23 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is absolutely necessary to eminent domain Hillside Villa to protect these tenants! Please do not allow vital affordable housing units to be lost and tenants displaced because of landlord speculation, especially in the context of a pandemic! The city has a responsibility to intervene here to protect the tenants and preserve what little quantity of affordable housing exists in Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Blaire Crits-Christoph

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 02:22 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing as a resident of the city of Los Angeles to urge the council to use eminent domain to keep the Hillside Villa Apartments affordable for the tenants who live there. Affordable housing is in the public's interest and it is much cheaper to preserve existing affordable housing than it is to build new units. Eminent domain may seem like an extraordinary tool to utilize, but for the tenants who live there and just want to continue being a part of their community it is anything but extraordinary. It is vital.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kris Chan

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 05:59 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a neighbor and community member of Chinatown, I demand that City Council pass the motion on Eminent Domain for Hillside Villa. Preserving affordable housing is so important especially in a low income community of Chinatown, there is nowhere else for these tenants and community members to go if Tom Botz continues to be their landlord. Eminent Domain being used as a public good will provide a way to ensure affordable housing is sustained in the Los Angeles community. This is so important and over 100 families depend on this motion to pass otherwise greedy landlords will continue to drive rents up to evict and murder more and more low-income immigrants. City Council needs to do the right thing and pass Eminent Domain so that these Hillside Villa tenants can stay in their homes!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brenda

**Date Submitted:** 03/26/2020 06:15 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** Since when do we live in a country that doesn't look out for it's own? Now! Communities of angelenos are fighting across the city against millionaire real estate owners who are forcing them away from their homes. Our city of Los Angeles is rapidly changing, and with the change comes less, and less familiar faces. Childhood friends are moving away, our familiar small businesses are not being properly supported by the city, or the people of Los Angeles, and forcing them to close their doors. More than ever, the world has shown us that we need to care not only for our health, but the health of the community of Los Angeles, and across the country. We need to provide residents with security of housing, fair wages, mental and physical health, education, hygiene and sanitation. We take pride in making positive changes for the better outcome of the whole community of Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tina Crnko

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 01:02 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the tenants at Hillside Villa. Push for eminent domain, these tenants absolutely must not be evicted during a pandemic, they will get sick and spread the virus in unhoused circumstances. Everyone deserves to be housed somewhere safe and dry, and they have the right to remain in their homes. Tenants also need the right to purchase their buildings as well, landlords are extraneous to our economy and collective well-being.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** joanna s

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 12:59 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hillside Villa's current landlord Tom Botz is sending letters (see attached) threatening to evict elderly tenants--with 3 days notice. You have an opportunity to take bold, much-needed action that will not only save money (preserving housing versus building from the ground up), but also save lives. Do not let your legacy be that of voting to put elderly people on the streets during a pandemic when they are most at risk. Stand with your constituents and make sure affordable housing--and the safety of our most vulnerable community members--is not lost.



March 25, 2020

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Sharon N. Cheung  
636 N. Hill Place, Unit A410  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Your Arrearages

Dear Ms. Cheung:

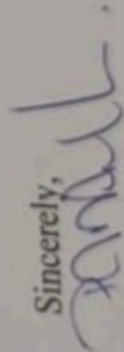
This letter memorializes our conversation of Friday, March 13, 2020. As we discussed, effective 9/1/19 the rent for your 2-bedroom apartment increased from \$702.00/month to \$740.00 per month. This was the 5.48% increase authorized by LAHCID. Instead of paying the higher rent, however, you have continued to pay the old rent of \$702.00/month and ignored several Notices of Balance Due. When I asked you why, you said that you were aware of the increase but that you simply cannot afford to pay it.

I explained that your past due balance for rent only (meaning not including SCEP fees) is \$266.00 and comes from 7 months of short paying your rent by \$38.00. I explained to you that we simply cannot continue to let your arrearages grow and asked you how much time you would need to pay off the \$266.00, assuming that you will pay the proper rent amount starting 4/1/20.

You told me that you only receive \$963.77 from SS & SSI and if you were to pay the correct rent of \$740.00, that would not leave you with enough money to pay for medicine, food, etc. You also mentioned that you had applied for a Section 8 voucher and were on the waiting list, but were told the other day when at the Housing Authority offices that there were others much needier than you. I said that I understood all of this and that we were willing to work with you but that you need to at least pay the correct rent amount going forward and enter into a payment arrangement for the \$266.00. You again stated that you simply could not afford to pay the \$38.00 rent increase and that you could not afford to start paying off the \$266.00 balance.

We wish we were able to help you but as you are outright saying that you cannot and therefore will not pay the correct rent amount or the past due balance, we are left with no choice but to give you a 3-day notice. We wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,



Patricia Miller  
Management Office

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth isralowitz  
**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 12:57 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0148

**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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rene Alexzander

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 12:55 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, my name is Rene AlexZander of the Hillside Villa Association. I represent 300 to 400 individuals, 142 units at the Hillside Villa Apartments, we consist of seniors, disabled and low-income multi-cultural families. We are asking that the city council approve #15 the acquisition of the property 636 N Hillside Villa Apartments through eminent domain. For the past 18 months, 1 ½ year we have endured mass ejections, rent increases, and constant harassment through the direction of Thom Boltz the owner of the Hillside Villa Apartments. Without eminent domain, Thom Boltz has already informed us that our rents will increase 150% to 300%, which 100% of the tenants cannot afford. As you know, evictions equal displacement, displacements equal homelessness.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amy Zhou

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 01:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want to voice support for Item 1, and I support eminent domain for Hillside Villa in Item 15. We demand and implore the council to please support Item 15-- and On March 25, a senior was given a 3-DAY EVICTION NOTICE IN HILLSIDE VILLA RESIDENCE after being unable to pay the increase in her rent. The rent was increased by the new owner, who refuses to keep the building affordable for its low-income tenants. This will endanger hundreds of vulnerable Angelenos and there WILL be a mass eviction of hundreds of people. This was unconscionable before the pandemic, but with COVID, it is ESPECIALLY inhumane. Eminent Domain is the only way that we will stop this mass eviction of hundreds of people during a pandemic, many of whom are already vulnerable.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jackson Loop

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 01:13 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is high time that the City uses eminent domain for the actual public good--as opposed to the years of decimating low income housing for highways that only benefit certain strata of the population. It is far cheaper to preserve affordable housing as affordable than it is to build it from the ground up. The housing crisis has only made clearer that housing is indeed a human right and the market will not shelter those who need it most. Eminent domain is the way forward to abate the housing crisis and make our cities centered around human rights as opposed to profit.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jason  
**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 01:23 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0148  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Strongly support

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Mitchell

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 12:05 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** In the face of a pandemic evicting the low-income tenants of Hillside Villa is a human rights abuse! You have the power to keep these people safe and healthy in their homes, use eminent domain to save lives!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Pamela Cohen

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

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** Vote to implement Eminent Domain on Hillside Villa. This housing complex was built as an affordable housing complex and needs to remain so. Property owner Tom Botz has acted in bad faith and with vengeance against the residents of Hillside Villa. The Hillside residents well being is more important than Tom Botz' financial bottom line.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brenda Zhang

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 12:01 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** The city has a clear way forward to protect our most vulnerable communities from eviction, housing insecurity, predatory landlords, and houselessness. The city must use eminent domain to buy the Hillside Villa building and keep it permanently affordable. It is much cheaper to preserve and protect existing affordable housing than to build from the ground up. A motion has been introduced in by Councilmember Gil Cedillo -- now the rest of City Council must support this and finish the job. The city already offered Botz \$12.7 million to keep our homes affordable for just 10 years, but he refused. Eminent domain is the only option. The Hillside Villa community have built a multicultural family. They are Latinx and Chinese immigrants. They are parents and small children. They are elders with fixed incomes and chronic illnesses. They cannot afford rents anywhere near Chinatown. But they deserve to stay, and will continue fighting, because housing is a human right! Hillside Villa was built with public funds and should remain a public benefit!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ana Cecilia Alvarez

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 12:08 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please keep Hillside Villa permanently affordable! It is way cheaper to purchase and protect affordable housing than it is to build it from the ground up. Eminent domain now!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jasmine Wang

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 11:35 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a parent of the local elementary school, I demand that the council eminent domain Hillside Villa to maintain it as affordable housing for Castelar parents, Chinatown elders, and community members. Moreover, the council needs to eminent domain the building now to prevent more children and families from becoming houseless. AT LEAST 28 Castelar families will lose housing and have to attempt to relocate their whole lives. This is not only a detriment to these children and their families, but to the community as a whole. Losing 28 Castelar families, means losing, AT THE MINIMUM, one full time teacher. This hinders all Castelar students by disturbing their learning environment, increasing sizes, losing stable and sound support, and ultimately, losing their student peers and community. Your motion to approve eminent domain will go beyond Hillside Villa. Not only will it protect local community members and their families by keeping them in THEIR HOME, it will protect their friends, families, community, and school. EMINENT DOMAIN NOW.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 11:14 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** What the city needs is more affordable housing, not less of it. Any affordable housing that already exists needs to remain that way. With the 30-year affordability covenant set to expire for 59 units at Hillside Villa, the units will become market rate in September 2020. The City of LA needs to step in and purchase this building using eminent domain to keep the units permanently affordable. This would be a historic and bold way for the city to solve homelessness and keep families in their homes. It is crucial now more than ever for the health and safety of everyone in the city to keep housed people in their homes. This is not a time to prioritize profit over people.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Arielle

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 11:06 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to encourage the city council to pass this measure!  
The residents of Hillside Villa are seniors and important members of their community. To allow them to be forced out of their homes because of "profit" and "market rate" would be reprehensible. Many of them are on fixed incomes, and if they are evicted, they will end up on the street. Please pass this measure!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nico

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 11:10 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** At the Hillside Villa apartment complex, public money has generated private profit at the expense of tenants' rights. Tom Botz has done so by: - Double-Dipping In Housing Subsidies; - Maintaining Slum Conditions To Maximize Profits; - Extracting Huge Fees At Every Opportunity. It is necessary for the city to purchase this property to protect the tenants against the greed of landlord Thomas Botz. Botz has shown that he will not negotiate; using eminent domain is a Necessity, and is the best, most immediate, and CHEAPEST path forward. Doing so will: - Prevent families from becoming homeless; - Be far cheaper than building new "affordable housing" ; - Mark a new chapter that reverses the ugly history of eminent domain; - Affirm that Human Rights Are More Important Than Property Rights.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tom Botz for 636 NHP LLC  
**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 01:59 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0148  
**Comments for Public Posting:** 636 NHP LLC objects to the Motion directing the Bureau of Engineering to report on the recommendations for the acquisition of 636 North Hill Place, based inter alia on the following grounds: - that it is beyond the Bureau of Engineering's statutory authority to conduct such an analysis, and that it is not competent to do so; - that notice of the hearing violated due process, because the public was informed that the hearing was moved to March 31 and then conducted nonetheless on March 27; - that such a purported use of eminent domain that the Bureau of Engineering is asked to study is unconstitutional; and, - the City has acted in an arbitrary, discriminatory, and retaliatory manner against 636 NHP.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 02:15 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** HI THIS IS JORGE. I AM COMMENTING ON ITEMS 15 & 1. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE HILLSIDE VILLA TENANTS IN CHINATOWN AND AGAINST ABUSIVE LANDLORD TOM BLOTZ. I AM IN COMPLETE DISGUST AT THE TREATMENT OF THESE 124 FAMILIES, INCLUDING ELDERLY AND DISABLED COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE NEED TO REJECT THIS BLATANT CLASSIST RACIST THREAT TO THE LIVELIHOOD OF THESE TENANTS WHO WILL WITHOUT A DOUBT BE LEFT HOUSELESS IF THIS MOTION IS NOT PASSED, AS THEY HAVE JUST TODAY, IN THE MIDST OF THIS GLOBAL PANDEMIC, RECEIVED EVICTION NOTICES FROM TOM BLOTZ. I SUPPORT THE HILLSIDE VILLA TENANT'S MOTION FOR EMINENT DOMAIN. FOR ITEM #1, THIS EXCUSE OF A RENT MORATORIUM IS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTING AND A CLEAR EXAMPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES' AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S INSTITUTIONAL FAILURE TO PROTECT THEIR CITIZENS, FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THEIR COMPLICITY AND PRIVILEGE IN THIS CRISIS, GIVEN THE ALREADY 60,000 HOUSELESS COMMUNITIES PRIOR TO THIS CRISIS, PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THE SEVERITY OF YOUR DECISIONS TODAY AND PUT IN MOTION AN IMMEDIATE CITY-WIDE, COMPLETE AND TOTAL RENT SUSPENSION AND MORTGAGE SUSPENSION FOR THE NEXT 24 MONTHS AS WELL AS, IN THE LACK OF ADEQUATE SHELTERS AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUR CITY, PROVIDE BASIC ACCESS TO BATHROOMS AND HYGIENE STATIONS AT ENCAMPMENTS ACROSS THE CITY. THANK YOU.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 02:17 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** HI THIS IS KIRA. I AM COMMENTING ON ITEMS 15 & 1. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE HILLSIDE VILLA TENANTS IN CHINATOWN AND AGAINST ABUSIVE LANDLORD TOM BLOTZ. I AM IN COMPLETE DISGUST AT THE TREATMENT OF THESE 124 FAMILIES, INCLUDING ELDERLY AND DISABLED COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE NEED TO REJECT THIS BLATANT CLASSIST RACIST THREAT TO THE LIVELIHOOD OF THESE TENANTS WHO WILL WITHOUT A DOUBT BE LEFT HOUSELESS IF THIS MOTION IS NOT PASSED, AS THEY HAVE JUST TODAY, IN THE MIDST OF THIS GLOBAL PANDEMIC, RECEIVED EVICTION NOTICES FROM TOM BLOTZ. I SUPPORT THE HILLSIDE VILLA TENANT'S MOTION FOR EMINENT DOMAIN. FOR ITEM #1, THIS EXCUSE OF A RENT MORATORIUM IS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTING AND A CLEAR EXAMPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES' AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S INSTITUTIONAL FAILURE TO PROTECT THEIR CITIZENS, FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THEIR COMPLICITY AND PRIVILEGE IN THIS CRISIS, GIVEN THE ALREADY 60,000 HOUSELESS COMMUNITIES PRIOR TO THIS CRISIS, PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THE SEVERITY OF YOUR DECISIONS TODAY AND PUT IN MOTION AN IMMEDIATE CITY-WIDE, COMPLETE AND TOTAL RENT SUSPENSION AND MORTGAGE SUSPENSION FOR THE NEXT 24 MONTHS AS WELL AS, IN THE LACK OF ADEQUATE SHELTERS AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUR CITY, PROVIDE BASIC ACCESS TO BATHROOMS AND HYGIENE STATIONS AT ENCAMPMENTS ACROSS THE CITY. THANK YOU.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 01:43 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote aye in favor of eminent domain!!! We can avoid pushing 124 families out into the streets!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joy Wingard

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 01:39 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the tenants in agenda item #15.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 01:36 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** HI THIS IS PLAYGROUND. I AM COMMENTING ON ITEMS 15 & 1. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE HILLSIDE VILLA TENANTS IN CHINATOWN AND AGAINST ABUSIVE LANDLORD TOM BLOTZ. I AM IN COMPLETE DISGUST AT THE TREATMENT OF THESE 124 FAMILIES, INCLUDING ELDERLY AND DISABLED COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE NEED TO REJECT THIS BLATANT CLASSIST RACIST THREAT TO THE LIVELIHOOD OF THESE TENANTS WHO WILL WITHOUT A DOUBT BE LEFT HOUSELESS IF THIS MOTION IS NOT PASSED, AS THEY HAVE JUST TODAY, IN THE MIDST OF THIS GLOBAL PANDEMIC, RECEIVED EVICTION NOTICES FROM TOM BLOTZ. I SUPPORT THE HILLSIDE VILLA TENANT'S MOTION FOR EMINENT DOMAIN. FOR ITEM #1, THIS EXCUSE OF A RENT MORATORIUM IS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTING AND A CLEAR EXAMPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES' AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S INSTITUTIONAL FAILURE TO PROTECT THEIR CITIZENS, FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THEIR COMPLICITY AND PRIVILEGE IN THIS CRISIS, GIVEN THE ALREADY 60,000 HOUSELESS COMMUNITIES PRIOR TO THIS CRISIS, PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THE SEVERITY OF YOUR DECISIONS TODAY AND PUT IN MOTION AN IMMEDIATE CITY-WIDE, COMPLETE AND TOTAL RENT SUSPENSION AND MORTGAGE SUSPENSION FOR THE NEXT 24 MONTHS AS WELL AS, IN THE LACK OF ADEQUATE SHELTERS AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUR CITY, PROVIDE BASIC ACCESS TO BATHROOMS AND HYGIENE STATIONS AT ENCAMPMENTS ACROSS THE CITY. THANK YOU.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 01:37 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** HI THIS IS CLUE. I AM COMMENTING ON ITEMS 15 & 1. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE HILLSIDE VILLA TENANTS IN CHINATOWN AND AGAINST ABUSIVE LANDLORD TOM BLOTZ. I AM IN COMPLETE DISGUST AT THE TREATMENT OF THESE 124 FAMILIES, INCLUDING ELDERLY AND DISABLED COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE NEED TO REJECT THIS BLATANT CLASSIST RACIST THREAT TO THE LIVELIHOOD OF THESE TENANTS WHO WILL WITHOUT A DOUBT BE LEFT HOUSELESS IF THIS MOTION IS NOT PASSED, AS THEY HAVE JUST TODAY, IN THE MIDST OF THIS GLOBAL PANDEMIC, RECEIVED EVICTION NOTICES FROM TOM BLOTZ. I SUPPORT THE HILLSIDE VILLA TENANT'S MOTION FOR EMINENT DOMAIN. FOR ITEM #1, THIS EXCUSE OF A RENT MORATORIUM IS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTING AND A CLEAR EXAMPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES' AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S INSTITUTIONAL FAILURE TO PROTECT THEIR CITIZENS, FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THEIR COMPLICITY AND PRIVILEGE IN THIS CRISIS, GIVEN THE ALREADY 60,000 HOUSELESS COMMUNITIES PRIOR TO THIS CRISIS, PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THE SEVERITY OF YOUR DECISIONS TODAY AND PUT IN MOTION AN IMMEDIATE CITY-WIDE, COMPLETE AND TOTAL RENT SUSPENSION AND MORTGAGE SUSPENSION FOR THE NEXT 24 MONTHS AS WELL AS, IN THE LACK OF ADEQUATE SHELTERS AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUR CITY, PROVIDE BASIC ACCESS TO BATHROOMS AND HYGIENE STATIONS AT ENCAMPMENTS ACROSS THE CITY. THANK YOU.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allie Kiekhofer  
**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 01:43 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0148  
**Comments for Public Posting:** The City of LA must use eminent domain to purchase the Hillside Villa affordable housing development to keep the units permanently affordable and prevent the expiration of the 30-year affordability covenant in September 2020. If the city does not step in, the tenants of 124 units at Hillside Villa will face eviction, creating another surge of easily preventable homelessness during an unprecedented global pandemic no less.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cynthia Cheng

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 08:26 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** Purchasing this building to keep as low-income housing will be much cheaper than building new housing from the ground-up. Please protect the hundreds of people who could be evicted in September, or else dozens of families will be made homeless.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jesús Hermosillo

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 08:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0148

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please consider the immorality of laws that permit the eviction of a poor woman from her home because of the landlord's greed. The rent increase, over five percent, isn't about simply keeping up with inflation, but a cold-hearted demand for more money from someone who doesn't have any. Making people homeless is a bigger crime than failing to quench a landlord's thirst for ever bigger profits.