

## Communication from Public

**Name:** nicole levin

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 08:17 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi. I am a renter living in Los Angeles. I support this motion. No one should be evicted right now, we are in a pandemic, end of story.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elliot L Kronsberg  
**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 08:32 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council, My name is Elliot Kronsberg. I am Councilman Koretz's constituent in Westwood. I am writing to you as part of the Healthy LA coalition because I'm worried that this health crisis will also become a long-term eviction and economic crisis, leaving our most vulnerable community members jobless, with lots of debt, and at risk of becoming homeless. Therefore, I urge the City Council to pass a complete eviction moratorium that keeps LA renters safe in their homes. Landlords are still giving out eviction notices, leaving people vulnerable to exploitation. We need a real blanket moratorium on evictions that protects all tenants. I know this may seem difficult because evictions are caused by a wide variety of reasons. I have dealt with difficult roommates/tenants myself during this crisis, but I know that everyone having a safe place to shelter in place is infinitely more important than my annoyance at an inconsiderate roommate/tenant. We need a complete moratorium on evictions, without exceptions. Thank You, Elliot Kronsberg

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 04:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose Council File 20-0404. Tenancy Termination Prohibition Motion. This unfairly seeks to eliminate nearly all types of eviction proceedings. As it is, when there are tenants who cause problems for other tenants or for the property owner, there are so many hoops that must be jumped through. City Council must understand that most all Property Owners/ Landlords have very large expenses and are unjustly targeted by Renters and Lawmakers alike. There is a terribly misconception that Property Owners/Landlords are like kings in castles simply counting money. THAT IS WRONG !! Most residential units barely bring in what is needed to cover theses costs. Property Owners carry the burden of mortgages, property taxes, state and local taxes, insurance, and ongoing maintenance etc. OWNERS HAVE RIGHTS TOO!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Annie Wyman

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 03:50 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Tenants are the most vulnerable members of the Los Angeles community and also the majority of its citizens. It is simply unthinkable that the city would double down on the financial pain of the COVID-19 crisis by giving these people — the foundation of the city's community and economy — only a year to repay or risk being out on the street. No matter what they say, most landlords will not face literal homelessness if their renters are not made to pay, and they have access to relief that renters currently do not, especially given the repeated failure of the federal government to pass meaningful stimulus payments. There can be no reassurance that the millions out of work in our city will be able to have made up that payment in an economy still rocked by COVID-19. A massive wave of evictions will likely follow upon the conclusion of that year, worsening homelessness and gentrification and giving landlords the opportunity to jack up rents on newly vacated units. Landlords would in that case almost certainly use the crisis as a way to make Los Angeles even less affordable for working people. We cannot allow our neighborhoods and our communities to be eviscerated by greed right when we are all already hurting so much. It is the urgent duty of the City Council — especially the many landlords on the City Council — to protect Angelenos and set a different, better course than that which housing issues usually take in Los Angeles. There is a high moral duty to be met: the business interests of developers and property owners are not and should not be of a higher priority as shelter and safety for the people of our city. Two years for repayment, or a total rent moratorium would be an excellent step.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anchal Jain

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 01:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** This measure is desperately needed to protect LA residents!! Please pass this eviction moratorium to prevent thousands of LA residents from losing their housing in the midst of a pandemic! We cannot afford to worsen our homelessness and health crisis. Please protect your residents and do not cave to pressure from landlords. This city is depending on your prudent, quick action prior to May rent due dates!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Seitz

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 02:46 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is completely astonishing to me that an eviction moratorium is even controversial. People are losing their jobs in unprecedented numbers. LA is already dealing with a massive homelessness crisis. Our lack of affordable housing makes us a national embarrassment. 60 percent of Angelenos are renters. Renters are disproportionately Black and Brown, these are the communities already hardest hit by COVID-19 and by the accompanying economic crisis. What exactly do you think going to happen if you don't do this? You'll get some landlords off your back... and exacerbate the national embarrassment that is the LA homelessness crisis? If you care about the people of LA, if you care about diversity, if you care about public health, not just about the landlord class, you need to put a robust and comprehensive eviction moratorium in place immediately. You serve the people, not just the landlords. So serve us! Do your jobs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Justin

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 03:02 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Los Angeles State of Emergency was announced on March 4 in response to the COVID-19 public health crisis. There is no factual evidence that an end is in sight from sheltering-in-place, social distancing, or even adequate access to testing, treatment, vaccine, and immunity. We cannot have landlords and business interests pressuring housed communities into the streets through eviction notices and utility shut-offs. Landlords must be prohibited from harassing and evicting tenants which would make them, their community, their city, our state, our world even more vulnerable to a highly contagious, lethal disease. An action to make a profit on the most vulnerable is irrevocably immoral. A motion to support Item 39 protects tenants, renters, and the most vulnerable. No more evictions.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Workman  
**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 12:30 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members, Respectfully speaking. Enough is Enough at waking up everyday trying to figure out how to go after Landlords. There are initiatives and plans in place to appropriately support tenants and not enough plans to support the property owners that you are attempting to bankrupt. As an apartment owner, I have worked extremely hard and sacrificed to buy and own an own an apartment. I have been responsible. Many tenants live over their means and are not good employees and good tenants. Landlords want to keep good tenants and historically work well with good tenants You are over compensating with the tenant initiatives and all of this feels like you yourself are running scared. Other initiatives to help the crisis is take a pay cut. Revisit the city's budget to see what can be done to redirect funds to the top priority of places of need and finally, help promote where there are jobs for people to work. If you make it to unattractive to work then why should someone work.  
Respectfully Submitted, Michael Workman Landlord



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alanna

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 12:32 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a public defender, renter, and resident if Atwater Village. A full eviction moratorium is essential. Renters are facing mass layoffs and an uncertain future. What's worse, landlords are taking advantage of the crisis to make illegal demands of tenants who are making the impossible choice between food and rent, and trying to sort out how much money they need to save to survive.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** LA city AmeriCorps member

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 12:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** This comment is in support of the Eviction Moratorium, item 39. Many individuals such as low income people struggle with disability, finances, or circumstances that make these past months unstable and unsafe on a daily basis. Due to Covid-19, many have lost jobs that will not recover. In my case my AmeriCorps Program will not restart thus leaving me with no income and no possibility for unemployment. A relief period is essential to allow individuals peace of mind that their place of shelter is not under siege. Shelter is a key factor for survival, for the most vulnerable humans it is our responsibility to ensure that landlord income sustainability doesn't take priority over human life. Landlords deserve protections for their mortgages and should support this measure as a path tot heir own benefit. Evictions mean people will gather in homes that are smaller and less managed. Forcing the poorest and most vulnerable to condense in spaces where their health and mental peace is further strained. Please support this measure and add further protections for the good people of Los Angeles which did nothing to cause this plight.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joseph Ocon

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 01:13 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Tenants in LA deserve protection. It's your job as our city council to make sure we all stay housed during this pandemic, not to further line to landlords's pockets. The city council has so far failed once to act meaningfully on behalf of tenants, unsurprising considering all of you are homeowners and nearly half of you are landlords yourselves. That being said, an actual eviction moratorium is a concrete protection that you need to put into effect immediately. In and of itself, it's not enough, but your inaction on this motion is regardless unconscionable.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 03:09 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Poverty and desperation cause more harm in this country than any virus ever has. People must be protected during this economic crisis, especially those most vulnerable. It is a moral imperative that we protect our fellow people from homelessness, now more than ever.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Martin  
**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 07:57 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a renter in Los Angeles with stable employment I want to share in solidarity with my fellow renters and support the eviction moratorium. Without a comprehensive bill, landlords will find loopholes in the current measure to continue to evict people to unsafe and unsanitary public conditions. During this time, the onus should not be on renters to prove that they have been effected by Covid given the lack of testing availability; instead, a blanket moratorium is essential to prevent further suffering.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Samantha Chappell

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 01:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to express my strong support for a blanket moratorium on evictions at this time. As landlords continue to give out evictions in these unprecedented times, the most vulnerable of my neighbors and loved ones are in great risk of loosing their housing, to no fault of their own. Stopping all evictions is the only way to protect ourselves and our communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anastasia Howe Bukowski

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 03:25 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a citizen of Los Angeles and I am calling to demand that LA City Council implement a comprehensive eviction moratorium during this state of emergency. Due to cancellations and closures in response to the coronavirus pandemic, Angelenos are losing massive amounts of income, and many find themselves suddenly unable to make rent payments. Many are also unable to afford food and medicine in tandem with rent payments. Stable housing is crucial to maintain social distancing and prevent the further spread of the coronavirus. We must act now to suspend all evictions statewide, in addition to an indefinite moratorium on evictions and housing closures. If necessary to achieve this rent freeze for the most vulnerable citizens, mortgage payments and property tax payments should also be suspended until the end of the crisis. I, and my fellow Angelenos, demand an immediate eviction moratorium. No one should have to struggle in such a crisis. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Norman Kemble

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 11:22 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need a complete moratorium on all evictions and a stop to landlord threats, intimidation, and misinformation that tries to force more tenants into homelessness in the middle of a pandemic. Though this motion does not address it, we also need a complete cancellation of rent at the very least for the duration of this pandemic and to commandeer any and all vacant hotel and motel rooms (including those owned by mayor garcetti) to house the currently unhoused in LA. No rent. No evictions. No vacancies.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jacob Patterson

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 12:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** The executive order has made it more or less illegal for me to work, and I currently cannot imagine a future in which we retain our commercial building. After months of work and our last dollars spent on renovations, this is a particularly miserable time – we had our venue booked out for 8 months of gigs that now can not take place. Less than half of people still have a job in LA (LA Times, April 17, 2020) and we need the council to act now to ban all evictions in the city: residential and commercial alike. It is also important that the latter, commercial leases, are not ignored in this fight for survival. Forgiveness should be included in this conversation, but keeping a roof over our business' head and somewhere to store all of our equipment that we pulled from our storage facility is crucial. The alternative will create a public health crisis and hobble any chance of economic recovery once the pandemic has passed. In truth we need more: rent cancelation and Federal relief funds for property owners who will lose revenue in this time, but a proper prohibition on all evictions, lockouts, and utility shutoffs is a necessary first step.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lois DeArmond  
**Date Submitted:** 04/20/2020 12:48 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I whole-heartedly support this Motion, and urge a YES vote and instant implementation as law. We are seeing an enormous uptick in landlord threats and harassment, illegal "diy" lock-outs, and other nefarious schemes, trying to force people out of their homes. This legislation is urgent; passage and enforcement are of the utmost importance. Thank you to Mr Bonin and Mr Ryu for sponsoring this item.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rebecca

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:04 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please pass these protections for tenants who likely do not have a safety net and will have nowhere to turn to if landlords are allowed to evict. Leaving people without shelter puts even more lives at risk.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marianne Cotan  
**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:59 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a long term City Of LOS Angeles resident and I am very concerned for myself and fellow renters. I am a single mother and have lost my job due to Covid 19 and my son has been home with me since all schools have been closed down. I cannot work while we are on a state mandated self isolation/stay at home order and I'm afraid the current Eviction moratorium in place just isn't enough to secure our homes during this global pandemic. We shouldn't be forced to go into more debt because of a crisis. The current eviction moratorium only protects landlords and bankers and does nothing to protect renters. How are we going to pay rent in several months I'f we are ordered to stay home and not able to go to work or have our children go to school. Our local City Representatives must help us by offering a rent suspension during the duration of this State Of Emergency so we can focus on flattening the curve and keeping our citizens healthy rather than be stressed out from not being able to work or pay rent. We should not have to choose between food or rent for ourselves and our children during a pandemic. Please enforce a rent suspension during the pandemic to help many LOS Angeles residents from becoming homeless. People losing their housing during a global pandemic will only add to the numbers infected and dying!!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Yajaira

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 11:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Era vendedora ambulante en la ciudad de Pacoima y yo y mi familia fuimos afectados por cuestión de Covid-19. La venta ambulante era la única manera que nos sosteníamos. Y si uno va a buscar trabajo en otro lado apenas si alcanzará para halgo de la renta aparte hay que pagar por el cuidado de niños. Y aparte hay biles de luz y agua está acumulándose más y más. Ya la poca comida que pude comprar con lo de mi última venta está apunto de terminarse . Esto es muy grave y muy estresante y muy importante. Ya tengo cartas de por falta de pago de renta del mes de abril porque hasta la fecha no eh podido pagarla y ya faltan pocos días para el mes de Mayo y tampoco tengo dinero para pagarlo.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sina Kramer

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 07:46 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** More than half of Angelenos are out of work. Please enact real renter protections and support a real moratorium on evictions for the duration of the crisis and for 30 days after the end of the crisis! Angelenos are suffering; we need relief!