

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this Motion to protect tenants from rent increases for all residential units during the COVID-19 crisis which includes RSO and non-RSO rental units. HOWEVER, tenants who have lost jobs and who are unable to pay their rent at all, need a Motion that goes much farther. The LA City Council needs to pass legislation that recognizes that a Citywide order to close non-essential businesses during the crisis will cause a substantial number of tenants of both residential and commercial businesses to lose income. I'm not sure how the City Council, landlords and others expect tenants to pay rent when they have lost income. Similarly, mortgage holders will not be able to pay their lenders. Maybe property owners think that by raising the rent they will circumvent their own loss of income. This view is shortsighted. The LA City Council needs to face facts. As this crisis deepens, and we are nowhere close to seeing the end of it, that more people will lose income. So a rent freeze is a moderate step in the right direction, but it does not acknowledge the catastrophic consequences to our economy that is resulting from this pandemic. We need an eviction moratorium so that no tenants get evicted and rent / mortgages are suspended until 90 days after the emergency order is lifted.