

Communication from Public

Name: Zachary Winner
Date Submitted: 04/20/2020 05:21 PM
Council File No: 20-0407

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles, and I own a small apartment building in Los Angeles. The apartment is subject to the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance and the rents barely cover my monthly expenses. The Mayor recently enacted a rent increase freeze, which discriminates against property owners like me, since it doesn't also place a freeze on the expenses I am obligated to pay. Every year, the expenses required to ensure that my tenants have a safe, clean and habitable homes increase. Being prohibited from increasing rents at the small amount allowed under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance directly impacts me. Extending the rent freeze would further harm me and other property owners like me. I urge you to oppose the rent freeze motion. Thank you.

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Name: Lois DeArmond
Date Submitted: 04/20/2020 12:31 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the full Council to vote "YES" on this item, and thank Mr Bonin and Mr Ryu for making the Motion. I am a life-long resident of LA, and a renter for 46 years. Passage of this Motion is a crucial tool, among many, needed to help tenants weather this storm and keep them in their homes. Failure to assist renters in this unprecedented crisis will only lead to a collapse of the Court system and thousands more people thrown onto the streets.

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Name: Michael Workman
Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 12:28 PM
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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

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Name: Joel Levin

Date Submitted: 04/20/2020 06:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a small landlord in Los Angeles. My wife and I take pride in keeping our properties in good repair and providing good service to all of our tenants. I am writing to you to express my serious concern about item 37 from the April 22, 2020 City Council meeting. This would have a negative impact on small landlords and will not achieve its intended goal. This motion would extend the current rent freeze for 90 days. Currently landlords in Los Angeles can only raise rents by 4%. The city determined this number as being fair and reflective of the additional costs that landlords face this year from inflation of utilities, construction costs, insurance and the like. Now the city is changing its mind. These cost increases are real. It is expensive to operate an apartment building in Los Angeles and getting more so every year. By taking this away, you are effectively reducing rents and transferring money from landlords to tenants. I understand the goal of preventing landlords from evicting tenants during this time, but I don't see how this achieves that. It feels like you are just taking this opportunity to punish landlords (who have done nothing wrong here) and transfer income from them to tenants without a particular policy reason. Thank you for considering my request. Joel Levin

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Name: Anastasia Howe Bukowski

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 03:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a citizen of Los Angeles and I am calling to demand that LA City Council implement a comprehensive rent increase freeze 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 rent increases 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 rent increase freeze. No one should have to struggle in such a crisis.??Thank you for your time.

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Name: Justin

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 03:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: There can be no possible pathway for a rent increase in our current state of emergency. Renters are without income and Los Angeles City Council Members need to align with the most vulnerable, check-to-check, furloughed, laid off, and unemployed constituents of the city to freeze rent increases and go further on a pathway to cancel rent completely. It is unjust to expect landlords to expect to profit off of those with no income and put the public's health at risk. Support Item 37's motion to freeze rent.

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

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Council File 20-0407. Rent Freeze Motion. This unfairly seeks to by-pass state laws already established! 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. DON'T BITE THE HANDS THAT FEED CITY COFFERS!! DON'T MAKE IT HARDER FOR US TO PROVIDE HOUSING!

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Name: Sina Kramer

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 07:48 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: More than half of Angelenos are out of work. We could barely make ends meet before the COVID crisis. Now we need real help. Please freeze rent increases in the city of Los Angeles!

Communication from Public

Name: Tracy Jones

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 07:53 AM

Council File No: 20-0407

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council, I am writing to you to express my support for the written comments submitted by Housing is a Human Right Director Rene Moya, which can be found here: <https://www.housinghumanright.org/letter-to-city-council/> Please take swift action tomorrow! Sincerely, Tracy Jones

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Name: Santiago

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 08:22 AM

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Sincerely, Santiago

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Name: Felismino, Mary, Lisa Marques Family Trust

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 12:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: please protect the landlords that provide affordable rents in bread and butter apartment buildings. our family has worked for 50 years to have 3 apartment buildings with 6 units each. these are our income streams. we provide housing to tenants paying below market value because for many years we have not even raised rent. we are immigrants from western europe and understand hardships of living day to day. please don't consider the mom and pop landlords who live from our rental income. we are not getting rich from this.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I, a taxpayer, firmly believe that there should be a rent freeze during this time due to the fact that work is scarce meaning income has been steadily declining. I know many people who have been laid-off or furloughed and they are extremely worried about paying rent, buying food and basic necessities. It is imperative that these folks are kept in mind when making a decision like this.