

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As I go about my daily life in Hollywood, I witness the ever expanding sea of shantytowns and homeless encampments. There is no mystery why Los Angeles is the homeless capital of the nation. City officials must stop catering to developers and property owners who have no concept of affordable housing!!! One step in the right direction would be to support the Tenant Anti-Harassment law with all the proposed amendments. I've lived in the same apartment in Hollywood since August 1993. I've lived here through four different owners. One company, Wilshire Skyline, now owns at least 4 rent controlled properties just on my side of the street on this one block. They own property en masse all over Los Angeles. In the last few years they have cost Hollywood at least 100 units of rent controlled affordable housing just on one side of the street on my one block by aggressively intimidating local working people out. They have sent numerous letters beginning in Feb. 2007, telling everyone we'll have to move as they convert to condos. Then they relentlessly pursue cash for keys taking advantage of language barriers to get some to move for a mere 1K. They get people to move under false pretenses and by constant threat of eventually being forced to move. The property never went condo, but they have converted our apt buildings into virtual hotels. They've destroyed a community of neighbors, emptied out most all of the 4 rent controlled buildings they own on this block of long term local tenants, furnished all these units and rent them out on Air BNB. They skirt laws against this by saying a 30 day minimum stay is required. Yet all these units are advertised for prices ranging from \$67 to \$90 "PER NIGHT" with no mention of a 30 day minimum stay. I see tenants come & go in the apt next to mine in far less than 30 days. They have turned our former neighborhood into a virtual hotel row while locals pitch tents. Why do city officials enable this behavior, refuse to enforce rent control laws, and then act like they have had nothing to do with creating the homeless situation? SHAMEFUL!!! You are our city's leaders DO SOMETHING beyond scheduling studies & meetings or bragging about a handful of temporary homeless housing facilities created for the countless thousands living on the streets!!! Outlaw the Ellis Act in the city of Los Angeles!!! Provide enforcement for local rent control protections. Get these never done expanding

shantytowns off our city streets. We are becoming a third world city faster than you can say mocha latte. It is painfully obvious that city officials with well greased palms have a hand in the destruction of our once fair city. Your actions and neglect are why our communities are being destroyed, homelessness is exploding on our streets, and citizens are leaving in droves. Why do you enable these greedy, parasitic property owners to destroy the very fabric of our community? The owners of half my block aren't even citizens. They dismantle our communities and our lives while building up their Swiss bank accounts and you are all guilty accomplices! You allow them and countless others like them to destroy our city with every campaign donation you accept from them while turning a blind eye to their heinous practices!

Exasperated and out of patience in Hollywood, Ms K B Raines