

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Shaw

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Michael Shaw. I am a long-time resident of Del Rey. I support the strong anti-harassment tenant ordinance that includes Councilmember Nithya Raman's amendments. I do not support Councilmember Lee's amendments. Harassment is a tactic frequently used by landlords to silence and evict tenants. There shouldn't be an opportunity to cure. I have a friend (and sometimes fellow LA Tenants Union member) who has experienced absolutely horrific harassment from her neighbors, who are somehow connected to my friend's management company. They pound on the ceiling (her floor) and make other booming noises at random times, often early in the morning and very late a night, to drive her to leave. She's been fighting back, via a pro-bono attorney's assistance, but it's still made her life hell- "It's ruined my life," as she told me. Please pass this anti-harassment ordinance- we really need it. thank you.

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Name: Anthony Dedousis

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Please see attached for Abundant Housing LA's letter SUPPORTING Councilmember Raman's proposed amendments to the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance. Thank you, Anthony



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Council President Nury Martinez
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

[CF 14-0268-S13](#) – *Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance – SUPPORT with Councilmember Raman's amendments*

Dear Council President Martinez,

Abundant Housing LA is a pro-housing, nonprofit advocacy organization working to help solve Southern California's housing crisis. Our organization supports more housing at all levels of affordability and reforms to land use and zoning codes, which are needed in order to make housing more affordable, improve access to jobs and transit, promote greater environmental sustainability, and advance racial and economic equity.

We write in strong support of the proposed Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance. We are concerned about landlords using unscrupulous practices to force their tenants to leave their homes, and we support reforms that will more effectively punish bad actors.

The proposed ordinance offers a critical and long-overdue step towards stronger tenants' rights protections. By defining and codifying illegal harassment activities, and by toughening civil and criminal penalties for landlords who are abusing their tenants, Los Angeles would be following in the footsteps of cities like Santa Monica, San Francisco, and West Hollywood, which have implemented high-quality tenant anti-harassment ordinances in recent years.

While the proposed ordinance is a major step in the right direction, Councilmember Nithya Raman has proposed amendments that would further strengthen the law, including one that would block a landlord from raising the rent of a vacant unit if the unit became vacant as a result of tenant harassment. **Councilmember Raman's amendments represent common-sense policies and deserve to be included in the final version of the ordinance.**

The City Council must quickly act to further strengthen the tenant anti-harassment ordinance before passage. Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to helping renters.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
Abundant Housing LA

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