

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Thomas

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 01:10 PM

Council File No: 14-0268-S13

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Sarah Thomas and on behalf of United Way of Greater LA I write in support of the strong anti-harassment tenant ordinance that includes Councilmember Nithya Raman's amendments. We do not support Councilmember Lee's amendments. Harassment is a tactic frequently used by landlords to silence and evict tenants. As our housing and homelessness crisis continues to so deeply impact this city, we must take steps like these to keep Angelenos housed. Thank you.

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Name: Mike Werner

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 01:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please oppose Councilmember Raman's changes to tenant anti-harassment provisions/Support Councilmember Lee's amendments I am a mom-and-pop, pride-of-ownership housing provider. Harassment in all forms by any party is unacceptable. I have been harassed many times as a gay man, as the father of a trans daughter – and lately as a housing provider. Especially since I've been the victim of harassment, I am empathetic to those who experience harassment, and especially committed to eliminating harassment. The best way to eliminate harassment is to promote communication, understanding and empathy, not by unduly punishing one party without condition. Reducing or eliminating harassment is the goal – not punishing without even the opportunity to engage in conversation. I know from my personal experience that this latter approach is the only one that works in the long term. This is why I appreciate the your previous (and on-going) work on this issue. This is why the original draft language is so important – it provides a reasonable standard for defining harassment, and more importantly, effectively mandates that communication occur. Requiring that rental housing providers be given written notice of any alleged violation and a reasonable opportunity to remedy the issue is the way to educate and reduce harassment. That this was directed by your committee in the first place. Please don't support Councilperson Raman's proposed language which will only promote antipathy between housing providers like me and those who make their home in that housing I try so hard to ensure is a wonderful place to live. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Hilda Rodriguez Guzman

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Hilda Rodriguez-Guzman, I am a member of ACCE and I live in district 8. I strongly support the anti-harassment motion in addition to the amendments proposed by Councilwoman Nythia Raman, it would protect tenants and create a guide for enforcement, I do not support the landlord amendments by Councilman Lee, this would create more harassment. I have witnessed some of my fellow ACCE members and members of my community being harassed by their landlords pushing them further into the brink of despair with little to no recourse to halt the horrific harassment they undergo. Our most vulnerable community members have suffered enough and it's time that Councilmember Gil Cedillo and the rest of this council stop delaying and deliberate on this anti-harassment bill and stop aiding and abetting landlords to continue viciously harassing their tenants' which are members of our most vulnerable and marginalized communities! If this council continues to delay you all become part of the problem of increasing our catastrophe unhoused population and pushing entire families to the streets.

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Name: Elizabeth Guzman

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 01:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Ellie Guzman. I am a resident of of the CD9 and a tenant advocate in South Central. 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 harm. In my current capacity, I get at least one new tenant a week seeking support with harassment from the landlord. They live in constant fear of landlords showing up to damage their home, forcibly evict them, disturb their elder parents or partners with emotional disabilities, destroy their gardens and property, send random people to assault them -- the grueling list of harassments examples is infinite. Tenants need real accountability now! Lee's proposal would make this policy useless and accountability unenforceable.

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Name: grace ibrahim

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 02:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Grace Ibrahim. I am a member of ACCE and I live in district 11. I strongly support item 3 Anti-bullying ordinance plus the amendments proposed by Councilor Nythia Ramen. I have lived in a rent controlled triplex with 2 other families for 10 years and we have were emailed a notice from the new property owner that they want us to move out by July 15 with out any accommodations. We are not able to find similar accommodations for the same price. We have also requested repairs but have not had a response as to when they will be fix.. Councilor Gil Cedillo, what you do you suggest that we do while you delay this vote in the council? What do I do when the owner harasses us again? What do you recommend that we do while you pass this amendment? Thank you

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Name: John Parks

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 02:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: John Parks Coalition for Economic Survival. CES strongly urges adoption and implementation of this motion as soon as possible. We fully support the inclusion of all of Councilmember Raman's amendments. The longer this motion is delayed, the more tenants will continue to face harassment and intimidation. CES opposes any amendment that weakens the ordinance such as scrutinizing tenant complaints with a burden of proof requirement. Many tenants are already in the grips of crippling rent debt and extreme housing insecurity. Giving flexibility for landlords to continue to harass tenants within the confines of a weakened anti-harassment ordinance will directly contribute to the displacement. Additionally, we urge the ordinance be modeled on the robust Anti-harassment laws which exist in Long Beach and L.A. county. This ordinance is desperately needed to protect our neighbors and our communities.

Communication from Public

Name: edna monroy

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 03:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Edna Monroy. I am a resident of District 8. 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 harm. We cannot keep tenants continue waiting while they suffer in silence. We need a strong permanent Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance now!

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Name: Donna Barstow
Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 03:42 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Support Anti-harassment and ONLY Raman's Amendments, NOT Lee's!!! In fact, one of her Amerdments could have come from me. My landlady's attorney offered me money to leave in a week, and said he was going to file a UD against me if I didn't accept it! And then he did!!! How is this not coercion and ransom!! Now I have a UD against me, calling my parakeet a nuisance!! And why has this taken you 4 years to look at!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Collins

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 03:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to thank Council member John Lee for being the voice of reason and for standing up for mom and pop property owners. As it is we've been unable to collect rent or remedy for over a year now, while we're still paying for repairs, insurance and taxes. Last week Council member Bonin introduced a motion to limit rent increases to a level that is so low it will force many of us to sell or lose our properties. Again, it was councilmember Lee who recognized that most mom-and-pop owners count on the income from these rental properties as their retirement income. They have scrimped and saved and sacrificed so they will never become a financial burden on other family members or on the state. And yet it is this industry and ONLY this industry that is the constant target of over regulation and income reduction. I understand there are some bad landlords just as there are bad tenants. There are also some wonderful ones and they are all paying a hefty price when these "one size fits all" punishments are put into legislation. Please oppose council member Raman's motion and adopt Council member Lee's amendments Thank You, Susan Collins