

## Communication from Public

**Name:** maddie

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**Council File No:** 14-0268-S13

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please pass the anti-harassment ordinance!! Landlords have so much power over people's lives and can make them miserable essentially leading to illegal evictions. Landlords should be held more accountable if they are harassing tenants.

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**Name:** Cristina Lugo

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon honorable members of LA City Council. I am writing in support of the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance and furthermore would like for it to apply to all renters in LA. As Los Angeles has taken the national spotlight in our shameful affordable housing crisis (and thusly, homelessness crisis) Angelinos are looking to city leadership to offer interventions and solutions to curb the tidal wave of homelessness and evictions that are yet to come due to COVID-19 and overall economic hardship. One concrete way you can do this is to pass the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance. Although I am middle class and educated, I have faced tenant harassment from my landlord in the form of bogus three day notices, screaming phone calls, refusal of repairs and attempts to illegally jack up prices on amenities included in my rent. I have the privilege to be able to work with lawyers so I could stand my ground and ease my crippling anxiety in the face of this harassment but I know that for thousands of low income, immigrant, non-English speaking or otherwise disadvantaged tenants in LA, this is not possible. For LA to be a more equitable city, we must finally put an end to this abuse that has worn down the spirits and sanity of our most vulnerable neighbors and led many to flee and end up couch surfing and eventually, on the streets. We need to make this a permanent ordinance and temporary COVID-19 protections fall short. I would also like to add that you please ban illegal lockouts, this has been a "silent problem" during COVID-19 but as the growing encampments on the streets can attest, people are still losing their homes even though it is technically illegal to evict right now. Illegal lockouts and harassment go hand in hand and we must unilaterally ban both. Thank you for your time and consideration in reading this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Olga Lexell

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm call on the City Council and Council President to immediately pass the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance in order to protect tenants from harmful harassment that happens day-in and day-out to tens of thousands of tenants and ultimately leads to “silent” evictions that go unrecorded. Now more than ever we need to protect renters from powerful landlords group, in a time when the government has failed to provide assistance during the pandemic at any level.