

Communication from Public

Name: L.D.Smith
Date Submitted: 11/23/2020 01:18 AM
Council File No: 14-0268-S13
Comments for Public Posting: District 1. Discriminated against and Retaliated against at prior and existing apartment. Retaliated with taking parking away at both apartments.

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Name: Olivia Wafler

Date Submitted: 11/23/2020 10:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council Housing Committee members, please approve the report and recommendations of the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) for an Anti-harassment Ordinance. In the past even pre-COVID, me and close friends of mine have been subjected to harassment and illegal practices by landlords. Especially during difficult times when rent cancellation hasn't been passed yet, I strongly suggest that you the Housing Committee members no longer delay the approval of this report/motion and urgently schedule it for full Council consideration.

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Name: Silvia Marroquin

Date Submitted: 11/23/2020 11:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We can not afford more people thrown out on the streets. People are being harassed and we need to do something about it! My name is Silvia Marroquin, I'm an organizer with SAJE and can attest to the horrible harassment many tenant angelenos face on a day to day basis. But today I will tell you of a case where an 8 month old was attacked by another tenant ganging with the owner to harass another tenant they threw chili powder on the 8 month baby just to get message across to the father and mother, they're no longer welcome to be living in the premisses. Please pass the anti-harassment ordinance, now!

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Name: Elizabeth Guzman

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Elizabeth Guzman, I am have been a tenant ally and advocate for the past 2 years. I am writing in support of the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance. Prior the pandemic, tenants were silently and violently being harrassed out of their homes and now it's gotten worse. EDN says they've seen a 300% increase in unlawful evictions. I 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. If you need more reasons why here: Harassment has always been a problem. Covid-19 makes it worse, but we need this now and for it be permanent going forward. It affects tens of thousands of renters every day in Los Angeles. Before eviction often comes harassment. Almost everyone who has been evicted has first harassed. Harassment is the practice of wearing down the human spirit that drives families with no other place to live out of their homes despite the often inevitable consequence of homelessness. One of the primary motivations to harass rent control tenants is the incentive provided by “vacancy de-control”, when a landlord can raise the rent once the unit is empty. We must remove this incentive by enacting strong enforcement and penalties for any instances of harassment found to be caused by this profit motive. HCID now can constructively evict now that renovations are allowed again

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Name: Gemma Lurie

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Gemma and I am a resident of Historic Filipinotown. Harassment has always been a problem. Covid-19 makes it worse, but we need PERMANENT protections now and going forward. We are calling on the City Council to adopt the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance should apply to ALL rental units in the City of LA; this affects tens of thousands of renters every day in Los Angeles. This ordinance is crucial for protecting 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. As most of us know, before eviction often comes harassment. Almost everyone who has been evicted was first harassed. Harassment is the practice of wearing down the human spirit that drives families with no other place to live out of their homes despite the often inevitable consequence of homelessness. One of the primary motivations to harass rent control tenants is the incentive provided by “vacancy de-control”, when a landlord can raise the rent once the unit is empty. We must remove this incentive by enacting strong enforcement and penalties for any instances of harassment found to be caused by this profit motive. HCID now can constructively evict now that renovations are allowed again. Additionally, we, as a broad coalition of tenants and housing rights activists, strongly urge the City Council to act NOW to stop illegal lockouts. We are in a PANDEMIC; nobody should be getting evicted. As we know, these have accelerated during COVID and are combined with other forms of harassment. Indeed, harassment, informal evictions and illegal lockouts frequently go hand in hand.

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Name: John Parks

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Comments for Public Posting: John Parks, Coalition for Economic Survival. CES fully supports this Anti-Tenant Harassment Ordinance. Harassment has always been one of the gravest issues facing tenants. The pandemic has made it worse. Tenants have received faulty 3-day notices, uncalled for entries of workers who do not abide by health orders, and have had their peace and enjoyment of their homes taken away. We thank councilmembers for their attention to this, but it must be a first step to a fully funded and staffed Anti-Tenant Harassment Ordinance. Resources must be made available to investigate and penalize landlords who use harassment as a tool of displacement. Private attorneys are far too expensive for the most tenants already overburdened with decimated employment and accumulating rent. We strongly urge adoption of this Anti-Tenant Harassment Ordinance. Thank you.

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Name: Clara

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, My name is Clara I live in North Hollywood and I want to express my support for the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance. Something I want to add based on personal experience is that harassment also leaves many tenants in an impossible situation where they accept dangerous living conditions out of fear of being evicted, sued, or physically harmed. Personally, me and my roommates were blamed for structural problems with the residence we lived in and ultimately received threats of physical violence from a previous landlord when we tried to ask for repairs. Though we ended up being able to stay until the end of the lease, the experience was very scary and left me feeling almost lucky to get away with just a stolen security deposit. It is in this way that landlords are economically motivated to harass their tenants— either in order to evict the tenant and raise the rent, or to scare the tenant away from asking for the maintenance that they are owed in order for the unit to be habitable, saving the landlord large sums of money. The lack of protections for tenants clearly make it so that many landlords feel that they can get away with the type of harassment that I faced, and much worse. The current Covid protections are not enough — landlords did not invent new types of intimidation and harassment to kick people out during Covid, they simply continued to use the ones they had before, on an even more vulnerable populace. This will continue to be a problem forever unless action is taken on it. The city council must pass the Tenant Anti-Harrassment ordinance. I also call on the city council to take action to end all illegal lockouts, which are in themselves harassment. Thank you

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Name: Abigail Kuhns

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Abigail Kuhns and I am a lifelong member of CD 11. I am writing in support of the Tenant Anti Harassment Ordinance. Tenants in Los Angeles were consistently harassed by landlords prior to the pandemic and now the issue has only become worse. While tenants in California are not required to pay rent until the end of January, (AB 3088), many of them are still experiencing abuse and harassment because of their inability to pay. Even if this harassment due to Covid nonpayment is illegal, it still causes tenants to self evict and leave their unit before they even have a chance to receive any legal help. There MUST be stronger legislation put in place to protect tenants during and after the pandemic and I believe TAHO is a step in the right direction.

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Name: Favian Gonzalez

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Comments for Public Posting: Pass the Tenant Anti-Harassments Ordinance!" My name is Favian Gonzalez and work for SAJE(Strategic Actions for a Jus Economy) in South Central Los Angeles, We are advocates for tenants in the community and have seen an incredible rise in unfair and unjust harassments that has led to direct displacement and eve homelessness. One example that stuck on my mind is a tenant where his bathroom and refrigerator were literally locked with padlocks because loss of job and non payment of rent. The pandemic has made landlords push tenants to extream measures!! All for a small profit. We urge Los Angeles city council to pass this ordinance fast. Tenants have waited too long and there is no end to this pandemic!

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Name: edna monroy

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Comments for Public Posting: Enough verbal, psychological, physical and at times sexual abuse experienced by tenants already struggling to stay housed during such difficult times and inflicted by unscrupulous landlords. We need a strong PERMANENT TENANT ANTI-HARASSMENT ORDINANCE NOW! Harassment has always been a problem. Covid-19 makes it worse, but we need this now and for it be permanent going forward. It affects tens of thousands of renters every day in Los Angeles. Before eviction often comes harassment. Almost everyone who has been evicted has first been harassed. Harassment is the practice of wearing down the human spirit that drives families with no other place to live out of their homes despite the often inevitable consequence of homelessness. We need real actions. Tenants cannot continue waiting and suffering.