

## Communication from Public

**Name:** SEACA

**Date Submitted:** 08/24/2021 01:24 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0042

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, I'm writing on behalf of SEACA-LA (Southeast Asian Community Alliance) and we support a Debt Free Recovery to Keep LA Housed. We call on city council to process ERAP applications quickly & disperse funds NOW! Tenants have been waiting for weeks, unsure of when they will receive relief. The longer this is delayed the more vulnerable they are to harassment and eviction. The rental assistance program is the bare minimum, one step to keeping hundreds of thousands of people safer and housed-- ongoing pandemic or not. Tenants need to get into the system asap so they can access state eviction protections. HCID has reported that the city does not have enough funds to cover the rent that is owed. The city should continue to pressure the state to reallocate money to ensure that all eligible tenants get the full debt relief they were promised. We also need to keep protecting tenants from eviction, or else rent relief will just end up being a massive landlord bailout. An equitable recovery depends on tenants being debt-free.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sonia Suresh

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tieira Ryder

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The rent relief applications have been closed for entirely too long, what a shame that LA residents are being denied rent relief just as renter protections are due to expire. We do NOT need all of these "middlemen" gatekeeping money that was meant for renters and landlords. We must find a way to quickly process the rent relief applications in a timely manner and get the money out to those that need it most! In order to PREVENT more homelessness in LA, we must to do everything to keep our current housed population housed! When the city program closes, any existing renters that did not or will not get rent relief from LA City because funding has run out must be allowed to request rent relief from the state program. There are many ways to help prevent homelessness in the future by getting rental costs down for those that need, for now we must do everything to keep our housed population in their homes. [www.HTWWS.org](http://www.HTWWS.org)