

Communication from Public

Name: Farah
Date Submitted: 03/22/2020 10:11 AM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Greetings officials. I am here as a person of the city of Los Angeles. To ask that there be a rent freeze due to the circumstances of the Coronavirus. Because of this devastating virus I have lost my employment, savings and hope to make my financial situation more stable. With it I ask to freeze paying rent due to the fact I do not have the income to pay rent, insurance, credit cards, student loans, food, and shelter. I went to school, college, and like our founding people, I am trying to have the right to pursue my happiness. I cannot begin or continue to serve the city of Los Angeles, when I cannot provide myself. I look to those who represent me, people, and person. Not corporations, not a monopoly of practice. But me. A human being. A person who is living and breathing and wants to continue to do so. A rent freeze will allow me to continue to be a healthy person, continue social distancing, be an agent of health, mind, and body. If this freeze does not occur it will force me onto the streets of Los Angeles to stay with crowds of people, to continue to affect and be effected by others in a negative manner. I would rather affect others in a way that will bring sanity, and health. Not chaos and pandemonium. Please, as representatives of me and our people a rent freeze will continue to help all of us to stay healthy and continue social distance. Please chose the people. Please enact a rent freeze. - Farah

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/22/2020 11:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of the placing a freeze on rent increase. I am probably going to get laid off and so many families and individuals already lost their jobs. Many people are already struggling as the economy is collapsing and this would provide a little relief in added stress. Ideally it would be wonderful if there can be a 60 or 90 day rent freeze until we can overcome this global Pandemic and get things back into control. Many have families to support and need to place a roof over their heads and put food on the table. That alone is stressful enough to make ends meet.

Communication from Public

Name: tony

Date Submitted: 03/22/2020 05:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I wanted to ask that a full rent-freeze be considered. I have just lost my job, and with my student loan debt (\$1250 per month payments) I am not sure how to get by over the next month and beyond. Thank you.

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Name: Sarah Albritton

Date Submitted: 03/22/2020 07:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Since a large amount of housing in Los Angeles is unaffordable, many people have to take funds out of their food, clothing, and other necessities budgets to pay for rent. Since 25% of Americans lost their jobs or had hours cut due to Coronavirus, I think a good solution would be to pause rent on April 1st. This could give people a chance to catch up once the virus has stopped upending our lives as a community and a country.

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Name: Nicole James

Date Submitted: 03/22/2020 09:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmember David Ryu. You propose a freeze on rent increases and a freeze on bill increases. I'm sorry but this simply is not enough. We need a total rent freeze. Many people I know have lost their jobs and their freelance work indefinitely. People will not be able to survive and will need the government to help them through this time. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Cyrell

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 11:00 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, I am reaching out to voice my support for the rent increase and utility freeze motion. As a hard-working freelancer, my work situation has completely fallen apart, and the last thing I could handle is an increase in my bills. Please do what's right for LA tenants!!! Thank you, Jessica

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Name: James N Bianchi

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 11:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to demand a rent freeze for the month of April, as millions in LA face unemployment and a total loss of livelihood due to COVID-19. I am one of many many freelancers in this city, working in the film and TV industry without a union. Without a city-wide rent freeze, myself and hundred of thousands more will be left unable to pay our costly rent prices, forced to find another solution while leaving our landlords with nothing as well. There has to be a solution to all of this. This city is built on creatives, freelancers, people working in the "gig economy" - without a safety net for these people that allows them to keep the homes they live in, there will be a massive forced exodus from the costly confines of LA. Please, I'm begging you to consider all of us who don't have an employer to turn to. This can't be the reality for us while this virus takes away our livelihood. Thank you, James Bianchi Photographer and Director Echo Park/Elysian Heights

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Name: Leanna R

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 11:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles, Ca. I'm urging you and the city council to put in place a rent freeze for 3 months. Many of the constituents of your district can not afford rent on 4/1 and have no hope of paying rent on 5/1. I greatly urge you to please vote in favor of rent freeze. So many of us work in places that are closed down and have no income for the last two weeks.

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Name: Val S

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 11:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been on disability since April of last year and it is currently anticipated to end April 6, 2020. I have no other income and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I have serious concerns about finding work as I am high risk. Please consider a rent freeze for the wellbeing of LA residents like myself who are on the cusp. The homelessness epidemic has grown in severity for years in Los Angeles and now is not the time to exacerbate it.

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Name: Kevin Marcus Day

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 11:34 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm here online to support a rent AND mortgage freeze for LA County. With unemployment overwhelmed, and the federal stimulus still a ways out, families are stretched beyond thin. This is not just an issue for families struggling financially, this is a serious concern for more than half of Southern Californians. Please think of your extended family, your friends and your neighbors who are already less than equipped to handle a financial crisis of this magnitude. I hope this message finds you in good health, with a sound mind and heart. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Chelsea Lauren Judith Lopez

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 11:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please be mindful of others in need at this painful time, please FREEZE THE RENT IN LOS ANGELES until further notice. I beg you for the sake of the American people struggling during these hard time facing the corona virus, I encourage you to do what is right and just and freeze the rent for the time being. I have been layed off and have no ability to gain new work due to the vicious spread of this virus. Have already lost a roommate who can not pay and can not afford to lose my livelihood for reasons far out of my control. Thank you kindly for reading, and I hope you make the right decision. Stay healthy. Stay safe.

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Name: Lauren Hamersmith
Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 12:07 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Freeze rent in LA!

Communication from Public

Name: Erin Jamison

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 12:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please put a moratorium on rent in place for the next few months. I personally will not be able to afford rent this month, and with the quarantine likely lasting well into next month, have no hope to recover the money by May 1st. I know I am not unique in this situation and that many people are struggling, scared, and uncertain of how they're going to cover rent and all their bills. Please take care of your citizens and offer some relief during these uncertain times.

Communication from Public

Name: Daisy Miguel

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 12:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am urging the city council and the mayor to consider a rent freeze for 2 months. Many of the constituents in your districts have no income coming in for the last two weeks or for the foreseeable future. Our affordable housing crisis will increase if actions are not taken now to protect people's livelihoods. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 01:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am reaching out today in hopes of some kind of reprieve on our monthly rent. I have 3 jobs (normally) all of which are closed so I am currently making \$0/wk until the quarantine is lifted and I am able to return to work. If there is any way that late fees and interest can be waived for the months of April and May that would be much appreciated, seeing as I am not the only one in this situation.

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Name: Nikki Nalepa
Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 01:49 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: RENT FREEZE

Communication from Public

Name: Caleb

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 02:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello City Council, My name is Caleb. I live in District 10 of our beautiful city. I am angry that actions have not been taken sooner to protect us. We are in desperate times before the corona outbreak. and now they are worsened severely. Many struggle with houselessness already or those who do have a place to stay pay too much. Many of us are less than one missed paycheck from having no where to sleep at night. Many of us are having to choose between food and a place to live. I personally don't know how I am going to pay rent this month, or the coming months. And I know I have it much better than others in our city. We need a rent freeze. we need a mortgage freeze. we need it now. we need it before april 1st. do not hesitate. we need a freeze on utitlies. we need free testing to see who is sick and who isn't. and our workers on the frontlines of this (food workers, grocery store employees, the people collecting our trash, our nurses, our CNA's, our PA's, our doctors, our medical staff need, our delivery drives, our truckers, our port workers) they need hazard pay. they need more support. they need equipment. they need help that only you can give. If you don't freeze the rent I am scared that this will go on for months and many people will get sick and die. and how is that any good for your reelection? how is that good for our economy? we are angry. we are confused. we are sad. we are sick. we are broke. THIS IS SERIOUS. We are looking to you for support. We are trapped right now. Do your job. Take care of your people.
Caleb

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Name: Rachel Rambaldi

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 02:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in Los Angeles and am very concerned about how our local government is responding to the ongoing global health crises. Many people I know including myself and people I don't know are currently out of work and will have no means to pay their rent. I strongly encourage Bob Blumenfield to support an immediate and comprehensive commercial and residential rent freeze.

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Name: Victoria Fayad
Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 02:25 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE FREEZE RENT AND MORTGAGES

Communication from Public

Name: Emilee

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 02:30 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: In light of all of the happenings globally in relation to COVID-19 I am asking that you apply a rent freeze in these unprecedented times when so many are out of work and unable to provide for themselves.

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Name: Camilla More

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 02:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am asking the City to freeze rent and also mortgage payments for the duration of the Stay At Home Order as well as a grace period after, until jobs return.

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Name: Camilla More

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 02:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am asking the City to freeze rent and also mortgage payments for the duration of the Stay At Home Order as well as a grace period after, until jobs return to the residents of Los Angeles .

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Name: Elizabeth Rowley
Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 02:55 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Elizabeth Rowley and I live in Los Angeles. I am a citizen of California and I am calling to demand Eric Garcetti implement a comprehensive rent freeze during this state of emergency.?? Due to cancellations, closures, and widespread unemployment Californians are losing massive amounts of income and many are unable to make rent payments in addition to covering food, medicine, or personal emergencies.?? Stable housing is crucial to maintaining the governor's plan for social distancing to address this public health crisis. ? We must act now to suspend all rent payments statewide, in addition to an indefinite moratorium on evictions and housing closures. ?? Me and my fellow residents of California are demanding an immediate rent freeze. No one should have to struggle for the financial benefit of the few in this universal crisis.?? Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Trent A

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 03:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Writing in support of the rent freeze to help families while they are unable to work. I know personally, this would also help me quite a bit. That said, I don't think a freeze is enough. I think the government will need to provide some form of rent forgiveness, as these families won't be able to miraculously pay for 12 months of rent once this has settled down and we are able to get back to work. In the meantime, I think the freeze is a good first step.

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Name: Samantha McDonald

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 03:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of a city wide rent freeze.

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Name: Jessica Wong

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 03:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Gilbert Cedillo, Due to the widespread loss of jobs because of COVID-19 outbreak, many people cannot pay their rents on April 1, 2020. Please call a Special Emergency Session to address the need of tenants, workers, and the unhoused BEFORE APRIL 1, 2020. We need the City Council to address these pressing concerns ASAP, specifically with a rent suspension. The eviction moratorium established by Governor Newsom does not go far enough. It requires tenants to pay back missed rent payments which will be near impossible for most wage earners, especially low-wage earners. We must implement a rent suspension for as long as needed until this crisis is under control. Respectfully,
Jessica Wong District 1

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Carmona
Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 04:16 PM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Hello Mayor Garcetti, Council President Martinez & Council Member O'Farrell, My name is Jessica Carmona and a resident of East Hollywood / District 13. I am a citizen of California and I am writing to demand you implement a comprehensive rent SUSPENSION / MORATORIUM during this state of emergency.? I know tomorrow's vote on rent freezing has been postponed but I, and many other constituents in the 13th district and beyond, believe that an emergency vote MUST be considered and URGENTLY put into action. We the people appreciate the offer of a rent freeze, but REQUIRE a citywide (and hopefully, statewide) MORATORIUM / SUSPENSION of rent for the time being as we diligently follow the rules put forward by our elected officials. ? Due to cancellations, closures, and widespread unemployment Californians are losing massive amounts of income and many are unable to make rent payments in addition to covering food, medicine, or personal emergencies.? ? Stable housing is crucial to maintaining the Governor's plan for social distancing to address this public health crisis. ? We must act now to suspend all rent payments statewide, in addition to an indefinite moratorium on evictions and housing closures. ? ? Me and my fellow residents of California are demanding an immediate rent SUSPENSION/MORATORIUM. No one should have to struggle for the financial benefit of the few in this universal crisis.? ? Thank you for your time. All of my best, Jessica Carmona

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Name: Sophia Goldfarb
Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 04:29 PM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: I am asking that the city of LA enact a rent stoppage for the duration of the Safer At Home order.

Communication from Public

Name: sarah fischbeck
Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 04:36 PM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: please institute a RENT FREEZE to protect tenants and small businesses across LA who have lost significant income due to COVID 19 outbreak.

Communication from Public

Name: John Pruitt

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 09:31 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I've lost my income for the foreseeable future and will have difficulty coming up with the money to pay rent. A rent freeze until the pandemic ends is needed -John Pruitt

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Steiner

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 09:36 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need a rent/mortgage freeze immediately!! Most of the city is currently not working because of mandatory Covid 19 closures, these closures are needed to keep the public safe, but we need to have a rent freeze to keep everyone from going into debt before this is over. Freezing rent would allow people to use their money on essential needs and hopefully jump start the California economy when this ends. Please help the citizens. We need help. Please.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 09:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly feel that as a city we should freeze rent payments to assist the individuals that are complying and staying home during this crisis.

Communication from Public

Name: Benjamin Saunders
Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 01:08 PM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Please place a moratorium on rent for the duration of this crisis. The federal government is failing us all the time, but we have an opportunity, locally, to care for each other! It is time for grownups to stand up and say - "hey, don't worry about the money - our community has the money to handle this crisis, and we shouldn't be risking lives by putting extra pressure on folks to go the work." Voting yes on a rent moratorium in a crisis like this really comes down to a simple question - do we care more about human life or economic profits? To me this is a no-brainer. Please, be the leader we need and vote for the moratorium. I imagine you are worried about landlords in revolt, and I know landlords are better organized than tenants, but this isn't about **keeping** your job, this is about **doing** your job. This idea is not beyond the pale - you will receive a ton of support if you put forward a rent moratorium! As a property owner myself (albeit in another state), I have already given a rent freeze on my own tenants, because I don't want them to feel like they have to go to work and place others at risk. My own landlord, here in Lincoln Heights, is offering us subsidized rent for the two of us who have lost our current jobs. Please, please take this seriously.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 08:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mitch O'Farrell, Due to widespread loss of jobs because of the COVID-19 outbreak, many people cannot pay their rents on April 1. Please call a Special Emergency Session to address the needs of tenants, workers, and the unhoused BEFORE APRIL 1. We need the City Council to address these pressing concerns ASAP, specifically with a rent suspension. The eviction moratorium established by Governor Newsom does not go far enough. It requires tenants to pay back missed rent payments which will be near impossible for most wage earners, especially low-wage earners. We must implement a rent suspension for as long as needed until crisis is under control. Respectfully, Brittany Fleck District 13

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Dreyfuss
Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 10:12 PM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to you to implore you to help those of us in California who are not going to recover financially after the virus is gone. Thank you

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Name: Alexandra Neal

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 10:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need to freeze rent until the economy stabilizes for people who don't have a job. The request for social isolation has led many workers to be laid off, including myself. This will have a "trickle up" effect even for medical professionals and grocery store clerks eventually. If people aren't buying products and services eventually cushy corporate jobs and admin jobs will go out the window. If service workers gig workers and "people with real jobs" lose their jobs, who will pay for hospital treatment and groceries? Rent increases have already been too aggressive in LA County and we finally did something about that but we now need more than just a rent deferment. You know as well as I do, Rent deferment just gives people a longer rope to hang themselves while they scramble around trying to make up for the last payment they were late on! Help the everyday workers like you help big corporations. If we don't. There will be no saving California and if our homeless population grows, there will be no more hiding California's failures. That includes allowing tech company interest to override the health of the state by continuously lowering gig worker pay and denying unemployment benefits. They bully and trick people into expensive vehicle leasing options that are barely covered by wages and now this. We have also allowed companies to not just stagnate wages but to offer freelancers pennies and bully them into getting expensive yearly LLC fees just to work for the same wages as before 2020, now freelancers are being laid off! NO ONE looks out for workers! The tourist industry will be obliterated. Who wants to come to a state that offers LESS comfort and safety than their own home town? We don't have pretty neighborhoods or a relaxed California vibe anymore. We have cement jungles, trash, homeless, and a lot of fake-happy, uninspired, risk-averse people who literally work from before the sun comes up to after the sun goes down just to hold down a home and somehow pass as middle class. Tourists can smell our hunger for money from miles away even beyond the bottles of blond dye and fake pink lipstick smiles. It's going to take a long time for get California to another golden decade but it can be done. Do not demoralize workers and put a new catastrophe in the CA history books please. Freeze rent!

Communication from Public

Name: zarah duncanson

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 08:28 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Zarah Duncanson and I live in East Hollywood. I am a citizen of Los Angeles and I am calling to demand the implementation of a comprehensive rent freeze during this state of emergency.?? Due to cancellations, closures, and widespread unemployment the people of Los Angeles are losing massive amounts of income and many are unable to make rent payments in addition to covering food, medicine, or personal emergencies.?? Stable housing is crucial to maintaining the governor's plan for social distancing to address this public health crisis. ? We must act now to suspend all rent payments statewide, in addition to an indefinite moratorium on evictions and housing closures. ?? Me and my fellow residents of Los Angeles are demanding an immediate rent freeze. No one should have to struggle for the financial benefit of the few in this universal crisis.?? Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Dana Bell
Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 09:13 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: We need a six month to one year moratorium on rents. It is inhumane and unnecessarily cruel - not to mention damaging to the economy and city's infrastructure - to force people to stop working without suspending their rent. Inaction on this issue will plunge our neighbors and businesses into financial ruin and destroy the small businesses that give our neighborhood a sense of place, joy, and community. Any inaction shows your disdain for the lives and well-being of your constituents. Do you care that people are scared of going bankrupt? Do you care that people are losing their jobs and their health care at the same time during a global pandemic? Do you care that your inaction is worsening the pandemic and putting peoples' lives at risk? All action you have taken so far suggests you do not.

Communication from Public

Name: Nina Anyayahan

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 09:36 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, Due to the widespread loss of jobs because of the COVID-19 outbreak, many people cannot pay their rents on April 1. Please call a Special Emergency Session to address the need of tenants, workers, and the unhoused BEFORE APRIL 1. We need the City Council to address these pressing concerns ASAP, specifically with a rent suspension. The eviction moratorium established by Governor Newsom does not go far enough. It requires tenants to pay back missed rent payments which will be near impossible for most wage earners, especially low-wage earners. We must implement a rent suspension for as long as needed until this crisis is under control. Respectfully, Nina Anyayahan

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Guzman

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 09:43 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please we need a rent freeze. Or least no evictions for non payment. I want to pay my rent but don't have income coming in. I will pay them when I can.

Communication from Public

Name: Shannon

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 10:18 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Jose Huizar, Due to the widespread loss of jobs because of the COVID-19 outbreak, many people cannot pay their rents on April 1st. Please call a Special Emergency Session to address the need of all tenants, workers, and the unhoused BEFORE APRIL 1st. We need the City Council to address these pressing concerns ASAP, specifically with a rent suspension. The eviction moratorium established by Governor Newsom does not go far enough. It requires tenants to pay back missed rent payment which will be near impossible for most wage earners, especially low-wage earners. We must implement a rent suspension for as long as needed until this crisis is under control. Respectfully,
Shannon Sullivan Resident of District 14

Communication from Public

Name: Brandi Coleman
Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 10:22 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Due to the widespread loss of jobs from the COVID-19 outbreak, many people cannot pay their rents on April 1. Please call a Special Emergency Session to address the need of tenants, workers and the unhoused BEFORE APRIL 1. We need the City Council to address these pressing concerns ASAP, specifically with a rent suspension that will not require tenants to pay back rent as the current eviction moratorium suggests. We know that FFHA has extended mortgage forgiveness to multifamily properties that agree not to evict tenants so we're aware that banks and mortgage holders are receiving more assistance and protections than the vast majority of renters. The eviction moratorium established by Governor Newsom is not enough. It requires tenants to pay back missed rent payments which will be near impossible for most wage earners especially low-wage earners, not to mention the disabled community who are already in dire conditions. We must implement a rent suspension for as long as needed until this crisis is under control. Thank you Brandi Coleman District 9

Communication from Public

Name: Tiara Jackson

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 11:23 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I am a constituent of Los Angeles, and I am writing to request an immediate Rent Suspension. Due to the pandemic of CoVid-19, many workers have been told to stay home, and at this point many people have been laid off of their jobs, studios have closed, clients have cancelled and income has been sparse. This national emergency calls for a Rent Suspension in many cities, but especially Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Tanner

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 11:34 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Paul Koretz Due to the widespread loss of iobs because of the COVID-J9 outbreak , many people cannot pay their rents on April 1st. Please call a Special Emergency Session to address the need of tenants, workers, and the unhoused BEFORE APRIL 1. We need the City Council to address these pressing concerns ASAP, specifically with a rent suspension. The eviction moratorium established by Governor Newsom does not go far enough. It requires tenants fo pay back missed rent payments which will be near impossible for most wage earners, especially low-wage earners. We must implement rent suspension for as long as needed until this crisis is under control Respectfully, Tanner Le Moine District 5

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Name: leslie madill
Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 11:40 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: CANCEL RENT NOW!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 05:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: cancel rent los angeles rent for april and may

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Name: Amber romero
Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 05:52 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Rent freeze please!

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Name: Kelly

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 06:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear David Ryu, Due to the widespread loss of jobs because of the COVID-19 outbreak, many people cannot pay their rents on April 1. Please call a Special Emergency Session to address the need of tenants, workers, and the unhoused BEFORE APRIL 1. We need the City Council to address these pressing concerns ASAP, specifically with a rent moratorium. The eviction moratorium established by Governor Newsom does not go far enough. It requires tenants to pay back missed rent payments which will be near impossible for most wage earners, especially low-wage earners. We must implement a rent suspension for as long as needed until this crisis is under control. Many landlords will evict as soon as the suspension is lifted and as many city council members are ALSO landlords and or have ties with developers, it is incredibly disheartening as a Los Angeles resident to know that the meeting was postponed. PLEASE do the right thing and get ahead of this to help protect the residents of this city. Respectfully, Kelly Cousins District 4

Communication from Public

Name: Kayla Varley

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 06:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please consider a rent suspension or rent freeze due to Covid19 -- many of us cannot work and have no income for the foreseeable future. Any job I had coming up has cancelled and some employers are refusing to pay their freelancers. I am a director and photographer and work in the advertising and entertainment industry here in LA, New York and London. My job requires me to travel and to be surrounded by a large team of people. Please consider this as it will help the city of Los Angeles - many of us work in the film industry here and many of us have to be on set to get paid. Please consider!! Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Carisa Barah

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 07:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please enact a rent freeze the city desperately needs one. Thank you.

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Name: Amber
Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 01:07 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Rent, utilities

Communication from Public

Name: Martha

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 01:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To maintain Governor Newsom's outlines for social distancing and to stop the spread of corona virus, we need to have stable housing, that means a state wide rent suspension, or a rent forgiveness. Not a rent freeze where it only limits the ability for landlord's to increase rents, not a policy that then requires tenants to back pay all rent once the emergency is cleared, and not something that puts a massive burden of proof on impacted renters, many who are freelancers and do not have access to outlined evidence qualified as proof in legal settings. We need rent forgiveness for as many months as most of the population is out of work.

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Name: Devon Byers

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 01:31 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider a rent freeze, I am a freelancer and all work has stopped so I'm not sure when the next paycheck will come, and I have diabetes so it's deadly for me to go to work in public places.

Communication from Public

Name: Zoe Weber

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 01:48 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mr. Cedillo, Due to the widespread loss of jobs because of the COVID-19 outbreak, many people cannot pay their rent on April 1st. Please call a Special Emergency Session to address the need of tenants, workers, and the unhoused BEFORE APRIL 1. We need the City Council to address these pressing concerns ASAP, specifically with a rent suspension. The eviction moratorium established by Governor Newsom does not go far enough. It requires tenants to pay back missed rent payments which will be near impossible for most wage earners, especially low-income wage earners. We must implement a rent suspension for as long as needed until this crisis is under control. Thank you in advance. Best, Zoe Weber, constituent of City Council District 1

Communication from Public

Name: Juliana Halpert

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 02:07 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Due to the widespread loss of jobs from the COVID-19 outbreak, many people cannot pay their rents by April 1. Please call a Special Emergency Session to address the need of tenants, workers and the unhoused before April 1. We need the City Council to address these pressing concerns ASAP, specifically with a rent suspension that will not require tenants to pay back rent as the current eviction moratorium suggests. We know that FFHA has extended mortgage forgiveness to multifamily properties that agree not to evict tenants, so we're aware that banks and mortgage holders are receiving more assistance and protections than the vast majority of renters. The eviction moratorium established by Governor Newsom is not enough. It requires tenants to pay back missed rent payments, which will be near impossible for most wage earners, especially low-wage earners, not to mention the disabled community who are already in dire conditions. We must implement a rent suspension for as long as needed until this crisis is under control. Thank you,
Juliana

Communication from Public

Name: Maxwell Williams

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 02:51 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan Olivares

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 03:01 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Mei Kwok

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 03:11 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: RENT FREEZE I am a self employed creative individual in the events & marketing industry that has completely lost all my sources of income due to COVD-19. Please I'm asking you to help us out - please freeze rent for the duration of the stay at home order as well as a grace period after until my jobs return. Thank you Mei

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Tyson

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 03:13 PM

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Name: Rachel Woods

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Communication from Public

Name: Aunjel Filullington

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 03:19 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Wilson

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 03:19 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Adrian Kennedy

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 03:28 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Due to the widespread loss of jobs from the COVID-19 pandemic, many Angelenos cannot pay their rents on April 1. Please call a special emergency session to address the needs to tenants, workers, and the unhoused BEFORE APRIL 1. We need the City Council to address these pressing concerns NOW and not when convenient for them. The eviction moratorium established by Governor Newsom is not enough. We need RENT SUSPENSION. How are people who cannot afford to pay rent now going to be able to pay it back within 6 months? The hole will only get deeper and the final result of moratorium is not protection for those who need it, but evictions 6 months from now. Not acting quickly on this issue punishes the people who are the backbone of this city. They work in our restaurants, at our retail stores, our movie theaters, own small business, and help make the movies that Los Angeles is known for. None of them can make any money at the moment, it is cruel to add the threat of eviction in October on top of the fear and uncertainty they are already experiencing. We must implement rent suspension for as long needed until this crisis is under control. Thank You, Adrian Kennedy Council District 13

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 03:49 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Maria Maea

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 04:03 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: This is a very critical time for our city and the world. How we handle this moment will forever alter our history so we must be thoughtful and grounded in our actions. Rent forgiveness is necessary to assure that citizens adhere to the Safe At Home policies and keep off the streets. In this unprecedented moment it is very important that our city keep citizens focused on wellness. Our citizens must use their funds to assure that they have food, medicine and water available to them throughout this crisis however long it may be. Rent should not be an added pressure in this confusion. It is a very sensitive time where the anxieties of an uncertain future can swiftly turn into civil unrest- which will only exasperate the spread of the virus. This is a moment where caring for the safety of our most vulnerable is caring for wellbeing everyone. The looming 6 month payback your coronavirus rent timeline is daunting for Angelenos, specifically those that sustain paycheck to paycheck. Savings in this debt economy is not possible for so many of Americans and the weight of extra debit of additional month of rent can be financially crushing for many. Rent forgiveness can give relief in this confusion and allow citizens to continue to place wellness at the top of their priority list. Let's value wellness for all, let's encourage it by easing the very real fears we all are experiencing of losing our homes. Rent forgiveness has that power to give us the ease we need to get through this pandemic.

Communication from Public

Name: August Thurmer

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 04:13 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Natalie Waritz
Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 05:19 PM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles needs a mandatory rent suspension during these frightening and trying times. Many of my neighbors, peers, and friends do not know when they will see their next paycheck. It is preposterous that we are expected to pay rent when millions of us are out of work due to a global pandemic. We should be putting our money towards keeping ourselves and our families alive and well taken care of. This virus has damaged our routines, and it's not right for landlords to be the only exception and the only ones to profit off of the backs of the displaced, out of work, ill citizens of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 12:46 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

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Communication from Public

Name: Matt Sundin

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 09:57 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Alana Brown

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 10:22 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to request that the Governor and City Council approve a rent and mortgage suspension, but specifically rent suspension for the next 3 months as the city is on lockdown to deal with covid-19. Many of us, including myself do not have the option of paying it back within 6 months with these steep rent prices. We need help, immediately on this matter starting for April 1st, 2020.

Communication from Public

Name: Stefan Wigand

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 11:29 AM

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Name: Lucy
Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 11:37 AM
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Name: Tobi Omola

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 11:45 AM

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Name: James June

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Communication from Public

Name: Juli Sanders

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 12:23 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: To Whom It May Concern, Due to the widespread loss of jobs from the Covid19 outbreak, many people cannot pay their rent on April 1. Please call a special emergency session to address the needs of the tenants, workers and the un-housed BEFORE APRIL 1! We need the City Council to address these pressing concerns ASAP, specifically with a rent suspension. The eviction moratorium established by Governor Newsom is not enough. It requires tenants to pay back missed rent payments which will be near impossible for most wage earners especially low-wage earners, not to mention the disabled community who are already in dire conditions. We must implement a rent suspension for as long as needed until this crisis is under control. Thank you, Juli Sanders District 13

Communication from Public

Name: Dawn

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 12:25 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: REGARDING THE RENT/UTILITIES INCREASE MOTION AT TUESDAY 3/24 SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING Many new public comments have been left on Council File Number: 20-0147-S19 addressing public response to the 3/17 meeting I just learned of the legislation that the LA City Council has been working on to help its citizens weather this pandemic / economic crisis... specifically the moratorium on evictions and rent increases. Who am I? I rent a house in Glassell Park. I am a small business owner and my husband is a TV editor. We are both college educated, paying off student loans and hoping to start a family. Unfortunately, both of us have had to stop working because we are part of the local economy that cannot work from home (note: there's nothing to edit if shoots are cancelled). It has been made public that the majority, 8 of the 15, council members are landlords. After the reading about the L.A. city council'S actions on March 17th, it seems clear we have a conflict of interest at work. It is painful to read that the 24 month repayment period suggested by Council member Bonin was knocked down to 6 months. Let's face reality, the residents (both home owner's and renters) that are losing their income through March, April, and so on... are NOT going to get their lost money back. Some government aid is coming but it is at a fraction of what is needed. Where does city council think this 6 month payback money for landlords is going to come from? Rents in Los Angeles are high (\$2,500 for just under 800 sq on average) so you can expect that people are going to go deep into debt. Even as someone that has savings, I'm accepting that I'm going to lose a lot of it to get through this... this is money that I was saving to buy a home but I'm going to lose much of it and bear it because I know we're all in this together. That said, I can't imagine how most low wage employees are going to be able to backpay rent for three months in a matter of six. I appreciate city council's optimism but that's foolishly blind. Ultimately, regardless of whether it is 6 months or 24 months, it's not about time, it's about sharing in loss as we share in civic prosperity... we must all work together to weather this storm. I believe that much of city council, thinking as a scared landlord would, is trying to protect itself and not working for the best interest of this city's citizens. And thus we have a motion to create legislation that would insure ALL of their rent

money be paid up in full within the next 6 months. It's guaranteed special treatment for only a certain group of local land equity owners. Most of their tenants, as well as other regular home owners paying mortgages, will NEVER see the money they have lost due to the pandemic. Yet somehow landlords deserve ALL of their money. Why? Landlords are regular citizens too, regardless of whether they are mom and pop or are huge real estate investment groups. This is illogical favoring of the certain people, of which the city council happens to be composed. Please be fair, home owner's and renters understand what it means to lose income, so no one wants landlords to lose everything but they certainly shoulder the burden fairly. I'm not arguing for a full rent freeze but if the city council wants to make sure landlords are protected while other renters and home owners are losing money hand over fist... then maybe our landlord run city council should be more transparent. Why not have council members use public funds to pay it to themselves and their fellow landlords, let's see how that flies. Or perhaps a less "villainous" move would be to work with the state gov and banks on forgiving certain percentage of lost mortgage and rent payments. The idea that the public has to pay back "loans" that they were forced to take because they had to close down in order to save lives. Why is it that these "loan givers" get immunity. Landlords should accept to lose some money, they are saving the homes of the people saving the lives of our local citizens. I'm imagining a document that goes in with our 2019 Tax returns that provides data (evidence) about who was able to work and not able to work during the crisis. We need contingency plans... what if people can't work for 2, 3, or 4 months. There is no easy way out, but you must think ahead... otherwise you're going to have too many hard working people falling into the street long after the virus has gone. Threatening people's lives and homes is DANGEROUS... losing the rule of law must be avoided, civil unrest of the masses must be avoided. I lived through the LA Riots and I know what can happen when too many people feel that they're being mistreated. Please be smart, be fair about this... I want to make sure that our voices, the voices of renters and home owners with mortgages, are heard loud and clear by the City Council. Again, we must all work together to weather this storm. Dawn Garcia 13 District Resident

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 12:33 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mitch O'Farrell, Due to a widespread loss of jobs from the COVID-19 outbreak, many of us cannot pay our rents on April 1. Please call a Special Emergency Session to address the need of tenants, workers, and the unhoused BEFORE APRIL 1. We are not only asking but need the city council to address these pressing concerns as soon as possible, specifically with rent suspension. The eviction moratorium established by Governor Newsom is not enough. It requires tenants to pay back missed rent payments which will be near impossible for most wage earners especially low wage earners, not to mention the disabled community who are already in dire conditions. We must implement rent suspension for as long as needed until the crisis is under control. I personally work as a bartender at a local wine and beer bar and have lost my job. Additionally, I have loans from graduate school so I do not have much of a savings to live off of. I moved to LA three months ago because of all the amazing opportunities it holds. Please act quickly, so LA can continue to provide opportunities to myself and others. Thank you for your time ,
Kendal Brownsberger District 13

Communication from Public

Name: Christine Hayden

Date Submitted: 03/25/2020 12:48 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

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Communication from Public

Name: Sebastian Cintron

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 07:21 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

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Communication from Public

Name: Rose Carr

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Communication from Public

Name: Ngoclong
Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 05:48 PM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: Renters in city of Los Angeles ask for help in having a Rent Freeze during this unique time.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 09:22 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Humphrey

Date Submitted: 03/26/2020 10:21 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

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Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Jackson

Date Submitted: 03/26/2020 11:47 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Please put a rent freeze in place as we all attempt to survive this pandemic COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak. No one in my house is able to work and our safety and lives depend on it. Please have the compassion for the communities in which you serve. We are really struggling. We are other people's children, siblings, friends and loved ones. If there was a time for compassion and kindness over capitalism the time is now. A rent freeze and any assistance for tenants and landlords alike would be helpful. God Bless!

Communication from Public

Name: Mykah Murphy
Date Submitted: 03/26/2020 12:56 PM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Mykah Murphy and I live in Atwater Village. Due to the Safer At Home measures put in place to help combat the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), thousands of LA workers will not have access to their sources of income and will struggle to make rent or mortgage payments. In order to protect the health and housing security of our community, I am writing to request that the LA City Council call on Governor Newsom to act now so workers won't have to choose between shelter and their health. Specifically, we call for a suspension of all rent, mortgage, and utility payments for 2 full months to allow people to take care of themselves, their loved ones, and the community. The legacy of every public official currently serving will be determined in the next few months. It's time to act now, and choose the right side of history. Choose the people.

Communication from Public

Name: Don Fields
Date Submitted: 03/27/2020 09:23 AM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Items 2 and 4 I wanted to reach out quickly in regards to something that's up for vote today in the City Council regarding 10 sick days to employees. If anything like this passes to law I can tell you the private sector hospitality specifically local restaurants will be destroyed. Most places run 7.5%-12% EBIDTA of they are really good operators. Your top tier may do 18-22% if they are established chefs. They have investors to reimburse, assets which are depreciating, infrastructure expenses and a myriad of other financial constraints which make cash flow already a challenge. A day with lost revenue is ok, but lapses like this have not been seen in the industry in my 20 year career. The delivery only model has still forced about an 85% reduction in staff and revenue down 95% in some cases. (The delivery companies take 30%) Strapping business owners with another bill will crush the industry and in turn millions of jobs. The fallout will be enormous. I respectfully ask that your office does whatever it can to mitigate these losses. We are still accruing rents, fixed cost, and labor for those we have been able to retain. The local advertised programs are loans and deferrals which will only put owners into debt at a best case scenario. (We will not recover this loss revenue) With no end in sight and the tone coming from the Office we understand this may go on for a while which is tough enough. Strapping an additional payroll will inevitably bankrupt your local restaurants.

Communication from Public

Name: Seth Polen

Date Submitted: 03/27/2020 11:10 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Mayor Garcetti: First thank you , thank you, thank you for all your efforts with Covid-19 that is affecting us all. I am writing to you regarding the emergency meeting that has been called for tomorrow at 10AM. Regarding below items: Right of Recall Ordinance Citywide Worker Retention Ordinance Supplemental Paid Sick Leave I urge you and the City Council not to approve any of the above potential ordinance items without going through the protocol of public input and economic analysis and thorough discussion. Each night at 5:15PM I see you live championing the City of Los Angeles. This most definitely is not the time to approve ordinances that will negatively impact the City long term. The City of Los Angeles has a Noah's Ark of resources very ready willing and able to draw from find them engage them use them. Please do the right thing and express your leadership and influence on the Council to motion to continue any and all items on tomorrow items. These items will only compound a negative impact already being felt by all. Sincerely, Seth Seth Polen Lacy Avenue, LLC 420 W. Avenue 33, Mgr's Box Los Angeles, CA 90031 213-595-5726 mobile

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/27/2020 01:11 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: You need to address rent moratoriums - this is the most important part of your agenda. People need reprieve.

Communication from Public

Name: Shantilly Tuazon
Date Submitted: 03/27/2020 01:15 PM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I am calling regarding item1 and for general comment as well. We need to waive second reading and get these items passed today. Although I do not think most of the items are strong enough, we have cancelled enough city council meetings and with a pandemic like this time is of the essence. I am calling to support the letter sent in by healthy la. And stand united with the working people of the city of los angeles. We need a cancelation on rent and mortgage payments. Rent cannot be paid to landlords from tenants that have no income. Unemployment is slammed and there are many out of work Angelinos that did not qualify. We also need to protect mom and pop landlords by halting mortgage payments. We need a cancelation on payments and debt forgiveness to give ALL Angelinos a fighting chance. People will continue to leave their homes if they need to hustle to find sources of income to feed and house their families. An eviction moratorium was a great start, but it leaves the housing of too many in limbo during a pandemic that requires us to shelter in place. I would also like to share my support for item 15. Do not let that family get evicted! I also ask that correspondence with the city council be made more accessible as soon as possible. I appreciate all the work yall have done so far, but it was honestly fairly difficult to find out how to watch this online. And in the past week, I've tried to reach out to my city council member over the phone and the line was either dead or the voicemail box was full. I understand this is an unprecedented situation, in difficult times we need to know we can communicate with our representatives so we can get the support we need.

Communication from Public

Name: Denise

Date Submitted: 03/27/2020 01:27 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: For item 1, please don't penalize unauthorized tenants. My boyfriend and I lost our sublet apartment because the owner had to move back in due to this crisis. We had no choice but to move into a friend's apartment a few nights ago, and now we're considered unauthorized tenants. We don't know when we'll go back to work or where we will live. All of our money was spent on the move, emergency supplies and groceries. Please don't forget about people like us. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Julia Bistriceanu

Date Submitted: 03/27/2020 01:28 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: COVID-19 is creating an unprecedented, dire situation in Los Angeles that is leaving so many of my friends, neighbors, and fellow Angelenos financially wrecked and extremely vulnerable. It is becoming increasingly clear that workers across all sectors and job types are suffering economically from this pandemic and the existing consequences of displacement are more dire than ever. This moment calls for far broader government intervention from the City of Los Angeles to ensure our safety, wellbeing, and livability, regardless of citizenship status or specific documentation. In accordance with the legislative proposal shared by the Healthy LA Coalition: First, City Council needs to adopt a rent forgiveness and mortgage suspension policy. To the maximum extent possible, the City should work with the State and financial institutions to continue suspending mortgage payments for homeowners and landlords, and pursue options to forgive rent obligations for the duration of the crisis, including a recovery period after the state of emergency is lifted. Second, the eviction moratorium ordinance proposed last week does not go nearly far enough in the face of this crisis. The City must enact a sweeping moratorium against the eviction of any tenant in Los Angeles. The moratorium should cover all evictions, not just those based on nonpayment of rent, and with no requirement to prove a causal connection to COVID-19. This includes, but is not limited to, evictions based on failure to pay rent; breach of lease covenants; unauthorized occupants and/or pets; nuisance (such as noise caused by children who are now at home after the closure of their schools); and no-fault evictions. Landlords must be barred from filing any and all unlawful detainer cases in the Los Angeles Superior Court system during and for a period following the moratorium. Service by the landlord of any eviction notice during the moratorium period, as well as the filing of any unlawful detainer case during the moratorium period, must each be complete defenses to an unlawful detainer case. In the event that unpaid rent is not forgiven, tenants must have a minimum of 24 months from the end of the emergency to make late rent payments. Any unpaid rent that is not forgiven will be transformed into consumer debt which can be collected via the civil process, not through the unlawful detainer process. Third, City Council needs to adopt a temporary rent freeze. To ensure

housing stability, the City should immediately freeze rents at their March 4, 2020 rates to protect tenants during this public health crisis, including a period of time after the state of emergency has been lifted, and allow the City Council to consider permanent adjustments to LARSO's annual allowable increase. The City needs to establish clear and effective enforcement procedures to ensure that landlords are complying with the rent freeze provisions and tenants are aware of and able to exercise their rights under the rent freeze. This should be accompanied by a tenant outreach and education, and establish a tenant hotline to report violations of the eviction moratorium, rent forgiveness or rent freeze. The City should also require an extension of all expiring leases for at least six months, instead of the just three month period the City Council is currently contemplating in their eviction moratorium motion. Failure to extend a lease in this manner shall be a complete defense to an unlawful detainer case. Fourth, HCID, in coordination with the City Attorney, shall impose penalties if landlords do not inform tenants of their rights under these provisions. Penalties for landlord noncompliance with any of these emergency restrictions should be the basis for punitive action by the City or affected tenants, with a statute of limitations sufficient to allow enforcement after the state of emergency is over. The City shall also fund outreach by community-based organizations to tenants, and provide a complaint hotline to tenants. The City shall fund sufficient staffing to ensure timely enforcement of tenants' rights. Thank you very much for taking these bold, necessary steps to ensure that Angelenos can continue to be safely, securely sheltered in the city we call home.

Communication from Public

Name: Lhylllel

Date Submitted: 03/27/2020 01:38 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Example: A rent moratorium or complete suspension of rent needs to be put in action now to prevent more homelessness, you need to figure out how to completely suspend all rent. No one can or should be expected to pay back rent, that would only put the city residents in more debt than they probably already are. I urge you to act further to protect renters.

Communication from Public

Name: EDDIE NAVARRETTE

Date Submitted: 03/27/2020 01:41 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Name item items I would like to speak on items 2 and 4 and general comment A 72J A 72KK A 72HH Councilmembers, My name is Eddie Navarrette I have lived in LA all my life. I started my own small business helping restaurants in the development process for the last 20 years committed to the struggle I have seen them go through in LA Bureaucracy. I stand with the LA Chamber of Commerce, the California Restaurant Association and the newly formed Independent Hospitality Coalition the IHC representing just over 300 independent restaurants in Los Angeles employing 15000 Angelenos Restaurants are not expendable businesses. These people are literally risking their lives right now doing take out and other creative practices since the rug was pulled out from under them during the mandatory closures. They do this to pay their employees, give them jobs, pay rent, and utilities; they do this to literally survive despite the risk of infection. Employees volunteering their time to do delivery for the love of their employers. Restaurant chefs volunteering their time to feed ER workers. There is no money in the bank. There are only bills piling up from food suppliers, license fees, sales tax and of course rent. They are not at home doing puzzles bored at home. They are desperate for everything they have worked all their lives for. These articles will tear apart the hard earned LA restaurant community we have all grown to love and depend on; Stopping the bloodline of life in our communities tuning them into ghost towns. These motions as well intended as they are; are not right for all businesses. Not all business are structured the same. Specifically the restaurant and small business community. These folks live week to week on razor thin margins based on cash flow from guests. I urge you desperately to listen to the LA restaurant community and vote no on items 2 and 4. A federal stimulus package is being brought to the white house as we speak. If these articles pass you will be pushing our restaurant population into our homeless population. Rather I would like to see some articles protecting our renters and small business owners with a rent freeze and if need to protect owners a mortgage freeze. We don't need loans to go further in debt. Please set some time up to listen to the restaurant and small business community.

Communication from Public

Name: Julianne Lee

Date Submitted: 03/27/2020 06:25 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I beg you to consider the countless tenants of Los Angeles who have found themselves furloughed, unemployed, gig-less, client-less, income-less. A moratorium on evictions will just add to the growing mountain of debt that is already accumulating due to financial stress. How are we supposed to "stock up" on two weeks' worth of food and medicine when we have less in our wallets than ever? How are we supposed to PAY RENT? Please do not saddle us with additional debt. As a hard-working Angeleno, I demand that Los Angeles freeze rent for the duration of the Coronavirus Public Emergency. Otherwise, you are asking for mass riots, looting, and class war.

Communication from Public

Name: Yrneh Brown
Date Submitted: 03/28/2020 11:17 AM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: Please support this cause, as I myself is a self employed artist and has no way making a living.

Communication from Public

Name: Jose Palacios
Date Submitted: 04/02/2020 01:20 PM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: Suspend Los Angeles Resident's rent

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/03/2020 05:27 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Marcel Patzwald and I live in Sherman Oaks, CA. I am a resident of LA county and my comment is concerning the Rent and Eviction Moratorium as well as the shelter-in-place order. In solidarity with my fellow Californian citizens at risk during the shelter-in-place order I am demanding that Mayor Eric Garcetti, City Council President Nury Martinez, and the Councilmembers of LA county advocate for and implement a comprehensive Freeze and Suspension of Rent/Mortgage payments for the duration of this state of public health emergency with No back-pay nor accrued interest charges. Due to work cancellations, closures, and widespread unemployment, most working Californians have lost their source of income and cannot make rent payments in addition to the expense of food, medicine, and other basic needs. Stable housing is critical for responding to the public health crisis and the success of Governor Newsom's social distance and shelter-in-place order. I have personally lost my employment and source of income due to emergency closure and will not have the resources to continue paying rent at the apartment which my partner and I share with an immunocompromised elder. We must act now to suspend all rent payments statewide, in addition to an indefinite moratorium on evictions and housing closures. My fellow Californian residents and I are demanding an Immediate Suspension of Rent/Mortgage payments for the duration of the public health emergency with no back-pay or accrued interest charges because this is an obvious priority for a successful health crisis response, and also as shelter is a basic human need, no property owner's are entitled to profit from their investment during this universal crisis. Below I have listed necessary protections for vulnerable populations which pertain to shelter needs: Protections for workers Provide 14 days of Paid sick leave to all workers and prohibit retaliation against those who take it. Workers must know they can self-isolate if they are sick in order to protect the public's safety. We must prioritize health and safety by including mandated, paid time for access to hand-washing and sanitizing, a provision of protective gear, and the appropriate training for those who continue to work eg. grocery workers, food-service, and delivery drivers. Protections for undocumented people Stop all transfers of undocumented people to ICE and the Adelanto immigration prison, which are

both cruel and especially unsanitary during the health crisis. Create a cash assistance fund for undocumented workers including street vendors and the estimated 20% of L.A.'s workforce that is undocumented in industries such as domestic work, home health care, day labor, restaurants, and hospitality. It is bad for all residents of the city and L.A. county if these exploited, undocumented workers do not receive sufficient support. Protections for the unhoused, "rough-sleepers" Use private hotel/motel rooms to safely shelter the unhoused population. Aside from numerous empty housing units there are also nearly 100,000 rooms in LA County and with the crisis most are vacant and the workers who staff them remain employed. An immediate freeze on police sweeps of the unhoused people's encampments as well as the creation of neighborhood supply stations for unhoused people with ready-to-eat food, water, soap, and first aid supplies. The COVID-19 health emergency has caused the closure of many food pantries and programs that provide life-saving meals and hygiene supplies to low-income and vulnerable populations. With these emergency protections we can take care of the people who are especially vulnerable to the state of public health emergency who would otherwise die due to exposure or lack of resources. Thank you for your time, Marcel Patzwald

Office of the City Clerk Public Comment

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Protections for the unhoused, “rough-sleepers”

Use private hotel/motel rooms to safely shelter the unhoused population. Aside from numerous empty housing units there are also nearly 100,000 rooms in LA County and with the crisis most are vacant and the workers who staff them remain employed. An immediate freeze on police sweeps of the unhoused people’s encampments as well as the creation of neighborhood supply stations for unhoused people with ready-to-eat food, water, soap, and first aid supplies. The COVID-19 health emergency has caused the closure of many food pantries and programs that provide life-saving meals and hygiene supplies to low-income and vulnerable populations. With these emergency protections we can take care of the people who are especially vulnerable to the state of public health emergency who would otherwise die due to exposure or lack of resources.

Thank you for your time,
Marcel Patzwald

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Kirschbaum

Date Submitted: 04/03/2020 06:37 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: We need a rent moratorium NOW. Many don't have the money and wont be able to recover from this work stoppage. Landlords are far more likely to be able to put food on the table than their tenants are. We need you to do whats best for the people.

Communication from Public

Name: Madeline Hug

Date Submitted: 04/05/2020 01:59 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Madeline and I live in Thai Town. I am a resident of LA county and my public comment is concerning the Rent and Eviction Moratorium as well as the shelter-in-place order. In solidarity with my fellow Californian citizens and the HealthyLA Coalition, who are especially at risk during the shelter-in-place order, we are demanding that Mayor Eric Garcetti, City Council President Nury Martinez, and the Councilmembers of LA county advocate for and implement a comprehensive Freeze and Suspension of Rent/Mortgage payments for the duration of this state of public health emergency with No back-pay nor accrued interest charges. Due to work cancellations, closures, and widespread unemployment, most working Californians have lost their source of income and cannot make rent payments in addition to the expense of food, medicine, and other basic needs. Stable housing is critical for responding to the public health crisis and the success of Governor Newsom's social distance and shelter-in-place order. I have personally lost my employment and source of income due to emergency closure and will not have the resources to continue paying rent at the apartment which my partner who has also lost his work and I share. We must act now to suspend all rent payments statewide, in addition to an indefinite moratorium on evictions and housing closures. My fellow Californian residents and I are demanding an Immediate Suspension of Rent/Mortgage payments for the duration of the public health emergency with no back pay or accrued interest because this is an obvious priority for a public health response. As shelter is a basic human need, especially during a pandemic, No property owner's are entitled to profit from their investment nor continue to benefit from the struggle of their tenants during this universal crisis. Below I have listed necessary protections for vulnerable populations which pertain to shelter needs: Protections for workers Provide 14 days of Paid sick leave to all workers and prohibit retaliation against those who take it. Workers must know they can self-isolate if they are sick in order to protect the public's safety. We must prioritize health and safety by including mandated, paid time for access to hand-washing and sanitizing, a provision of protective gear, and the appropriate training for those who continue to work eg. grocery workers, food-service, and delivery drivers. Protections for undocumented

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Thank you for your time

Communication from Public

Name: Benjamin Benecke

Date Submitted: 04/06/2020 12:15 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: We need a rent and mortgage freeze now, most of my closest friends have been laid off and have no income from this pandemic. do your job and help the working class of California or we will vote every single one of you out. - Ben Benecke

Communication from Public

Name: Richard
Date Submitted: 04/06/2020 10:30 AM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I am a Senior and have just over 30 tenants. The rent supports the building and me. Almost all of my tenants paid rent for April. There were 4 cases where we set up payment plans. If those 4 cannot complete the payments they will be deferring payment and will pay me back over the coming year. If other tenants who paid in April cannot pay May we will do the same with them. It is not a problem and in fact we have had tenants who needed payment plans before and it all worked out. If you pass some law that people do not have to pay rent, my business and livelihood will be destroyed and my tenants will get a windfall. I am in my 70's and do not wish to go back to work. Your system in place now works. No need to ruin my business so please don't. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Nspi
Date Submitted: 04/06/2020 10:37 AM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, A recent ordinance was passed that any rent stabilized apartments in Los Angeles will have a freeze during the Covid-19 crisis. Many rent increases went into effective February 1st or March 1st, well after the coronavirus had been spreading rapidly and people were impacted. The ordinance by Mayor Garcetti was announced in late March but there are thousands of people whose rents increased on March 1 and those tenants are put into a very difficult position. The landlords will NOT do the right thing and freeze those rent increases on their own unless directed by Mayor Garcetti to retroactively suspend all rent stabilized increases effective as of Feb or March 1st, 2020. Please consider that just because the rent freeze announcement was made on March 27th, that people were not already dramatially impacted and suffering from this crisis well before that date. Thank you for your consideration. Stay safe and healthy!