

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 10:31 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I am posting to support Mayor Garcetti's rent freeze. It will save a lot of families during this tumultuous time. Please think of the public!

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas Woodward

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Thomas Woodward and I am your constituent from Glassell Park. I am reaching out to ask Mayor Garcetti to enact stronger protections for our community in response to COVID-19. Our families and vulnerable community members need immediate action to protect our health and our livelihoods. I urge Mayor Garcetti support motions to: -Enact a strong moratorium on evictions related to both nonpayment of rent and the presence of unauthorized occupants and pets, as well as all “no cause” evictions. Nobody should be evicted during an emergency that requires people to shelter in place. -Implement an immediate freeze on all residential and commercial rent increases and LADWP utility bill increases in Los Angeles. Prohibit landlords from charging late fees. -Provide 14 days of paid sick leave to all workers and prohibit retaliation against those who take it. Workers must feel safe to stay home through their illness for the public’s safety. -Immediately supply dumpsters, showers, hand washing stations, bathrooms, vermin abatement, soap, and water to every informal settlement in Los Angeles. Thank you for your time. -Thomas Woodward

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Name: Phatsakornnasorn Srisakunhiran
Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 12:44 PM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: Please freeze rent and LADWP utility increases during the Coronavirus Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Jay Brosius

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 01:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Jay . I live in Venice Beach. I am a citizen of Los angels & I am writing to demand Gavin Newsom/ Eric Garcetti implement a comprehensive rent freeze during this state of emergency. Due to cancellations, closures, and widespread unemployment of 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 governs plan for social distancing to address the 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 & 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

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Name: Alexis King

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Alexis King and I live in Burbank. I am a citizen of California and I am calling to demand Mayor Eric Garcetti to 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.

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Name: Shira Lazar
Date Submitted: 03/22/2020 07:17 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: ask for Test & Trace

Communication from Public

Name: S

Date Submitted: 03/23/2020 09:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Yooo, for the sake of renters do this. I just did. The more people, the more likely theyll freeze rent in LA. Too me 2 mins. Just cut and paste the sample here. I am writing to request a rent and mortgage 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. While being required to "shelter in place" - let's make sure we all have a place to continue to shelter in! Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra perez

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Please pass a rent freeze in Los Angeles for the duration of the coronavirus pandemic. The entire city has literally shut down due to the safer at home order and quarantine, and the majority of this community is out of work due to this. Our community's economy is contingent on production which is shit down everywhere so we are now out of work indefinitely for circumstances entirely out of our control.

Communication from Public

Name: Benjamin Chong

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

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Comments for Public Posting: I just witness the parking enforcement officer writing a ticket to the Amazon delivery guy. This is unacceptable - they are working so hard during this crisis, risking their lives for the public. It's impossible to find street parking these days when there is a lockdown where everyone has to stay home. Please stop punishing workers who are working for us during this difficult time.

Communication from Public

Name: Hunter Pritchett
Date Submitted: 03/27/2020 01:17 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: If citizens are required to be safe at home, we are unable to work. We demand and need a rent freeze effective April 1st for the city and county until this crisis has passed. If landlords have mortgage forgiveness this needs to be mandated that the same assistance is passed on to renters. Without this, the city will spiral in to a great depression and widespread unrest. I also oppose items 2 and 4 Act now, for your constituents

Communication from Public

Name: Lucia P.

Date Submitted: 04/06/2020 04:43 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: It's clear that many of the LA City Council members do not understand that we are in a state of emergency. Emergency: People are required to shelter in place, cannot work, and are still required to somehow come up with money for rent or their mortgage. Emergency: People will be served eviction and foreclosure notices that will hang over their heads like a stay of execution until this crisis is officially over. They will then have to prove in court their inability to pay while coming up with months' worth of rent or mortgage back pay. Emergency: Workers who have been temporarily laid off have no confidence that when the emergency order is lifted, they will be guaranteed their job. Emergency: Unhoused people remain some of the most vulnerable people in our community – at far greater risk to exposure, unable to shelter in place, and without access to basic sanitation and first aid supplies. We need: Rent forgiveness & mortgage suspension. No means testing, no back pay. A broad, comprehensive, and universally applicable eviction & foreclosure moratorium. Not the half-measures we have now. Measures that will properly protect and support workers and unhoused people. A City Council commitment to holding regularly-scheduled remotely-accessible meetings for the duration of this crisis. AND WE NEED THESE NOW.

Communication from Public

Name: Hayden Conner Ashworth

Date Submitted: 04/06/2020 09:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: City Council Meeting Tuesday, April 7, 2020 My name is Hayden Conner Ashworth and I am the elected Renter Representative for the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council. I am writing this on behalf of myself and not an official NC Council agreed statement. There are 864,825 rental units in the City of Los Angeles, and 14,666 rental units in the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council. These units house 1 or more renters. Many of our renters live paycheck to paycheck as many people know. With a loss of jobs and a steady source of income our renters in Los Angeles are in fear. Our job as elected public officials is to serve our stakeholders, those that vote for us. I am asking that all 15 Councilmembers petition the state and federal government to freeze all mortgage and residential rental payments during the epidemic. I also ask that you allow Neighborhood Councils to resume meeting but virtually. Voters enacted the Neighborhood Council system in 1999 which changed the City Charter. We need to resume our meetings to continue representing our stakeholders.

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Name: MD

Date Submitted: 03/24/2020 05:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mitch O'Farrell 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 through supporting and signing onto the Housing Now Initiative and the Healthy LA Coalition Initiative. We applaud the signees who have already stepped forth to support the needs of renters city wide such as Herb Wesson, David Ryu, . 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 and both of these initiatives do this. .
Respectfully, Mariah Dyson District 13

Communication from Public

Name: Zach Schlagel

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 09:56 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of PATH (People Assisting The Homeless), I wanted to reach out in support of Healthy LA's reasonable proposals to curb the impact of the current coronavirus pandemic. The proposed measures include a request for the Council to:

- Pass a complete eviction and foreclosure moratorium
- Require banks doing business with the city to institute mortgage suspension and rent forgiveness
- Bring back measures to council to protect unhoused people and ensure workers are rehired when the health emergency ends
- Start holding regular meetings again

Quick and decisive action must be taken to protect those living at or near the edge of homelessness. If the proper safeguards are put in place now, we can stabilize our regional economy and safety net. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Brad Sagal

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 10:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Brad Sagal. I am a voter, a volunteer, a resident of Los Angeles, a son of parents who were both born in Los Angeles, and I love Los Angeles. I am a member of the Healthy LA coalition, the largest coalition of labor unions, tenants unions, religious congregations, civic organizations, political organizations and concerned citizens that has been assembled in Los Angeles in decades. We call for a universal rent moratorium, rent forgiveness, stronger health and job protections for all workers in this city, universal paid-time off for all workers, expanded welfare and food stamps benefits, food delivery, and expedited housing for all homeless people in the city's hotels, motels, and unused government properties. Going forward, we want "jobs or income" for all Angelenos ("jobs or income" being a phrase used by Martin Luther King to describe his economic platform). As the very first line of the US Constitution says, the government's first priority and only legitimate reason for existing is to provide for the "general welfare" of the people, not the corporate welfare of landlords and businesses. Will the City Council begin treating businesses and landlords in LA as if it's a privilege to operate in our city, and not a right? Will the City Council begin treating the people of this city as if it's a right to have housing, healthcare, jobs or income, water and utilities, rather than a privilege? Will the people of this City be able to accept anything less from the City Council and the mayor? Personally, I can't and won't accept anything less, so please begin a dialogue with Healthy LA and implement our agenda, or face mass protests, civil disobedience, and total chaos once the quarantine is lifted. There is a saying that, "You can never go home." We can never go back to the way things were before coronavirus, so work with HealthyLA to implement a New Deal. We are in difficult times, and sometimes in difficult times it is useful to state the obvious: 1. We are in a pandemic. 2. Unemployment claims are rising at a faster rate than at any point in the history of the US. 3. We don't know how long the quarantine will last. 4. We don't know how many jobs will or won't come back after the quarantine ends. 5. Many Angelenos currently have little or no income right now and don't know when their next paycheck will be earned. Will they have much to lose? 6. Many Angelenos were burdened with medical debt, student

debt and consumer debt before this crisis even started. Some will have funeral bills to deal with as well. Will they feel as if the City Council cares about them without bold action? 7. Many Angelenos are burdened with rents so high that they were 30%, 40%, and 50% of their income even before this crisis started. Will they be able to afford to backpay rent when the quarantine ends? 8. There are more tenants and workers in LA than landlords and business owners. Are we a democracy? If so, who must City Council represent? 9. It is different for a business that is organized as an S Corp or as an LLC to go through bankruptcy than for an individual to go through bankruptcy. Which process involves more pain? Individual bankruptcy of a tenant or business bankruptcy of the landlords S Corp? 10. It is different for the City of LA to go through bankruptcy court than for the people of LA to individually go through bankruptcy court. Which process involves more pain? Individual bankruptcy because the city didn't provide the proper social services, or municipal bankruptcy where the city would have the strength of the residents behind it? 11. It is different for the City of LA to be sued by landlords and business owners than for the tenants and workers of LA to be sued by landlords and business owners. Which process involves more pain? Individuals going to court for nonpayment of debts, or the City going to court because landlords say it's illegal for the City to waive Angelenos debts? 10. Many Angelenos can't or won't backpay rent after this quarantine ends. The eviction courts will be overloaded with cases. Law enforcement will have trouble enforcing the eviction orders. 11. Many Angelenos will be out of work and have little to lose. They will, however, have plenty of time to go to protests and marches. Would you rather be with the protesters or against them? 12. The law as it currently exists only protects renters who can prove they have an economic hardship due to COVID-19. But in a pandemic, shouldn't it just be assumed that your economic hardship is related to the economic shutdown? 13. The law as it currently is written requires renters to prove that they are poor enough to deserve not to have to pay rent, but the landlords don't have to prove that they are poor enough to need our rent. Is this fair? 14. The HealthyLA coalition, may not be victorious, but we won't give up without a fight.

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Name: Daniel Guss

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 10:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Why, during a deadly, global emergency are you voting on PROPERTY LIENS and LIQUOR LICENSES, most of which have "final dates to act" that are two months away? How Nury Martinez Fails LA in Deadly Global Emergency, Part 1
<https://www.citywatchla.com/index.php/cw/los-angeles/19556-how-nury-martinez-fails-la-in-deadly-global-emergency-part-1>

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Name: Daniel Guss

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Comments for Public Posting: Three months ago, LA Animal Services seized 17 healthy, adoptable animals from Bark n Bitches, but has not filed any charges. In the meanwhile, these animals, including a pup that was 10 weeks old at the time, have languished despite foster homes being available for all of them. The City even has a senior Labrador it is holding for no reason. Meanwhile, LAAS is issuing deadly Red Lists to rescuers, killing other animals for lack of space.

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Name: Thomas Bolton

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 10:40 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Given the unprecedented public health crisis we are facing, and the large amount of people out of work to comply with safety measures, we must institute a general eviction ban, a responsible banking ordinance to push financial institutions to forgive rents and mortgages as long as the shutdown should last, designate rent as consumer debt to remove it as a basis for eviction at this time, a blanket rent freeze so as to not displace anyone from sheltering at home, and rent forgiveness and mortgage suspension so that no one becomes unhoused as a result of COVID-19 and the shelter at home orders. These matters are absolutely of the utmost urgency and vital to public safety and the well being of our citizens. Please help provide our city with relief during this time so we may all stay safe at this time.

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Name: Michael A. Guynn
Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 10:43 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Will there be a reconsideration of the previous item regarding an anti eviction ordinance that was voted down previously. Michael A. Guynn, Board Member ECSWANDC

Communication from Public

Name: Martha Sanchez
Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 10:53 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the councilmember to 1) pass a true eviction and foreclosure moratorium, 2) require banks doing business with the city to tie mortgage suspension to rent forgiveness, 3) bring back measures to council to protect unhoused people and ensure workers are rehired when the health emergency ends, and 4) start holding regular meetings again.

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Name: Edna Monroy

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 11:03 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We can't keep urgent things incomplete, we need a REAL eviction moratorium on ALL evictions. We need both rent and mortgage forgiveness because we can't expect people to be in debt. And we need workers and unhoused peoples protections. Nothing less.

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Name: Nancy

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 11:07 AM

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Name: Nicole Lopez

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 11:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rent forgiveness now! We are hurting people of LA can't afford to pay these bills without work! Unemployment is taking forever to pay. Please do rent freeze as soon as possible. For everyone!

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy Popp

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 11:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am A member of the Los Angeles Tenants Union, Northeast Local and a Corey supporter of Reclaiming our Homes. I am writing in support of the emergency motions by Ryu and Bonin for a complete halt on evictions for at least the time period enacted by the Judicial Council yesterday, total rent waivers for all tenants affected by the COVID-19 crisis for it's duration, a rent freeze so no increases can be applied, and for any mortgage/loan forbearance for landlords to to be applied equally and passed down to their tenants. The council also must insist that LAPD enforce Penal Code section 418; tenants cannot be locked out of their homes at this time by unethical landlords! The Mayor's Safer at Home order must take precedence and all our residents need safe shelter and protection. If these emergency motions cannot be heard in today's meeting, I urge the city Council to hold an emergency meeting as soon as possible to pass these much needed restrictions and ordinances to protect the citizens of Los Angeles.

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Name: Abel Gonzalez

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 11:38 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hola mi nombre es Abel Gonzalez soy residente del condado de los Angeles Pido que alluden a pasar un moratorio que de alivio a personas que estamos siendo afectadas por COVID 19 tanto duenos de casa y Inquilinos y que apollen Healthy La. Propuesta Gracias

Communication from Public

Name: Hassan Zuniga

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 11:46 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Insto al concejal a 1) aprobar una verdadera moratoria de desalojo y ejecución hipotecaria, 2) exigir a los bancos que hacen negocios con la ciudad que vinculen la suspensión de la hipoteca con la condonación de la renta, 3) traer medidas al consejo para proteger a las personas que no están alojadas y asegurar que los trabajadores sean recontractados cuando finalice la emergencia de salud, y 4) comenzar a celebrar reuniones periódicas nuevamente.

Communication from Public

Name: Brian Averill

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 11:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live at the Ellison Apartments, Venice's largest RSO building. The owner has been operating it as an illegal hotel and, shockingly, continues to do so even during this scary global pandemic. Like most folks, many people here are terrified and confused, simply trying to isolate responsibly and make it through this alive. As responsible Angelenos shelter in place and follow the city's directives, the tenants here are now seeing a constant influx of groups of 20-somethings using this building to party and behaving as if they're on spring break. Utter insanity during this crisis. Some of my neighbors are senior citizens. Two of them have serious respiratory problems (including COPD and recent open heart surgery) If they get the corona virus, it's likely a death sentence. This is putting everyone here in tremendous (and completely unnecessary) danger. The senior citizens here are literally afraid to come out of their apartments. As a member of the Venice Neighborhood Council, many of them turn to me, sometimes in tears, to ask how this is still happening. Truly heartbreaking. To watch city officials on television telling Angelenos that they're doing all they can to stop the spread of this virus is infuriating. This is immoral, illegal, and mind-numbingly irresponsible, not only for this building, but for the entire neighborhood of Venice and beyond. This needs to be shut down immediately. We really need help.

Communication from Public

Name: Mariana Huerta Jones

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 11:58 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I am urging the City Council to support motions today enacting a strong eviction moratorium that will apply to everyone regardless of COVID-19 impact. Additionally, Council must amend the Responsible Banking Ordinance to require banks doing business with the city to tie mortgage suspension to rent forgiveness. City Council should also bring back measures that protect workers and unhoused people who are most vulnerable to COVID-19. Finally, City Council must hold regularly scheduled meetings immediately and adopt emergency ordinances as soon as possible.

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Name: Javier Enrique Sarmiento

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 12:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Esto es lo que quiero e insto al consejal. 1: Aprovar una verdadera moratoria de desalojos y ejecucion hipotecaria. 2: Bancos que negocien con la ciudad, que vinculen la suspencion de la hipoteca con la condonacion de la renta. 3: Traer medidas al consejo para proteger a las personas que no estan alojada.

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Name: Guadalupe Rivas

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Name: Justin Johnson

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 01:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The rec center shelters are not respecting state cannabis laws. I am HIV+ and cannot eat without the help cannabis provides. I have a medical card and a letter from my doctor explaining my needs. We need safe access even for homeless. 2135700878

Communication from Public

Name: Priscila Alegria Nunez

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 01:44 PM

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Name: Angelina Jimenez

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Name: Yonah Camacho Diamond

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 11:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Yonah Camacho Diamond. I am a representative of the Committee for Better Banks, which is a coalition of bank workers, community and consumer advocacy groups, and labor organizations coming together to improve conditions in the bank industry. In the midst of this unprecedented health and economic crisis, we think that it is incumbent upon the City Council to demand an immediate end to evictions in the City. It is also crucial to ensure that any assistance provided to homeowners, by way of mortgage abeyance or forgiveness, also be made available to tenants, and in fact that any assistance to landlords be tied to rent forgiveness. The City has a powerful role to play with banks and other financial institutions in order to force them to do the right thing by LA renters. We would also ask the City Council to call another emergency meeting as soon as possible to address this pressing issue. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Chap Clark, Jr., MSW

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 11:17 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of myself and my partner Bianca Mahmood, we call on the Los Angeles City Council to meet again immediately for an emergency hearing on today's ordinances. As this virus RAVISHES communities of color and front-line "essential workers", data shows that Black populations are suffering the highest mortality rates. This is a glaring insight into a larger systemic failure to protect the most marginalized and oppressed citizens of our nation and every step that the City takes or does not take in protecting individuals will result in further catastrophe and loss. We demand you not only meet as soon as possible but that you also adapt the swiftest and most comprehensive legislation to protect workers, renters and the unhoused as further strain on these community members will only extenuate the larger impact and strain on the financial and health systems. Every day that you fail to protect individuals it creates a need for that person to risk being in public or meeting their needs in more desperate ways. This will create more harm for our dedicated health care workers, doctors, nurses, system providers, janitorial staff, etc. and result in many more hundreds or thousands of deaths IN THIS COUNTY and IN THIS CITY alone. Do better. This is the reason you are in the position you are in, so that you can respond boldly and with humanity and courage. There is no playbook and history, and your neighbors will judge your responses according to the pain and misery that is afflicted. Remember, the role of government is to PROTECT THE PEOPLE. For our grandmothers, for our expected children and ailing mothers, please do the right thing, Chapman Clark, Jr., MSW 4207 1/2 6th Ave. Leimert Park

Communication from Public

Name: Carla De Paz

Date Submitted: 04/07/2020 11:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Carla De Paz, Director of Organizing for the East LA Community Corporation and The Los Angeles Street Vendor Campaign. I urge City Council to do everything in it's power to cancel rents, including incentivizing all banking/financial institutions that do business with the city to suspend mortgages during this emergency period and condition that to rent forgiveness for tenants. The eviction moratorium will keep people housed now, but delaying rents means the most vulnerable will accrue large amounts of debt and will be pushed into a long-term economic crisis. I spoke to a street vendor this morning whose rent is \$1,700. Can't pay April, can't pay May, probably won't be able to pay June, which means she will have to pay an extra \$425 on top of the \$1700 over the 12 month period. This means she won't be able to afford her new legal vending cart. This means she will get tickets for vending illegally and be in more debt. This means she will have to choose whether to pay rent, to buy food or other basic necessities. This means she and her 3 children could end up being evicted in August/September. There are thousands of stories like this. Financial institutions will complain about being forced to give up some of their gains, but your constituents will go homeless and die if you don't do this. There is no time for half steps and hesitation. Do the right thing, do all that you can.