

Communication from Public

Name: Jordan Caceres

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Comments for Public Posting: Please give the people of Los Angeles a rent freeze. Many of us cannot leave our house to go to work, even though we want to! Please help us stay safe & inside by considering a RENT FREEZE. Thank you!

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Name: Lauren White

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello City Council, For someone like me, who lost all five of their jobs once the City dutifully shut down and small businesses (I am a comic for seniors with Alzheimer's who travels to residencies and performs), schools (I am an Arts Educator) and families (I am a childcare worker) could not sustain their workers, April 17th is anxiety-producing. April 18th, 19th, 20th, and the remaining days until May 1st, will all be hand-wringing and frightening days because, among the many fears of this time, I am a person who has to choose between RENT and FOOD. Because our city voted in majority to cruelly neglect renters and shut down the proposals to freeze rent and utilities during this crisis. As you know, renters comprise nearly 60% of all Los Angeles. What percentage of essential workers; grocery store baggers, gas station clerks, home healthcare workers for the elderly, nurses paying off their educational debt, employees of large pharmacy chains and many more, do you think rent in Los Angeles? If we are to assume our essential care workers make the minimum wage of \$14.25, then we are to come to the conclusion that none of these people, even if they had no one else to support, could afford otherwise. At the bare minimum, the people on the very "front lines" of this pandemic should be protected and prioritized by way of SUSPENSION of ALL RENT for April, May and beyond. And what of everyone else in that 60%? Folks like me who lost all their jobs, whose government-provided \$1200 will be sucked into my rent for this month. ALL OF IT. And I don't live alone, I have roommates. The average rental price for A ROOM in the district I live in, the 13th, is \$1400. I am lucky, I got unemployment (a whopping \$220 a month) I was able to suspend my student debt, I have family that could house me in the worst-case scenario, I am white, I do not have to risk my life every day at my job where I am deemed essential and yet I am not receiving hazard pay, paid sick leave or protective gear. THIS is considered lucky. What is it like to be unlucky? And is it luck or circumstance? And where do you stand as a representative of the 60% who struggle so dearly when not in the throes of a pandemic to make a life work in this city? I know our City Council comes from all walks of life, from the great diaspora of Los Angeles. So now that you are in a position of great power, with great responsibility, WHO will YOU fight for? We call for an immediate moratorium on all evictions.

An immediate suspension of all rent collection (“rent suspension”) for the months of April and May (extending according to the duration of the crisis), to ensure that tenants do not lose their homes in the event of job loss . Approval of anti-harassment measures that protect tenants from harassment by landlords. Support for mortgage holders (“bank tenants”) who cannot make payments due to job loss. An immediate halt to all evictions from homeless and recreational vehicle towing camps used as shelter. An immediate halt to the application of "tent closing" during the day. Immediate 24-hour and 7-day-a-week access to clean restrooms and toilets for all homeless people. Immediate expropriation of all vacant units to be used to house homeless people in Los Angeles County. In a moment of unprecedented crisis, in a city already so stratified and abused by the cost of living and the cost of housing, who you choose to protect will live on in the history of your political careers and the eyes of your constituents. We will remember this. We are the 60% and we determine whether you voted into office next term. Do you stand with us? Thank you for your time in reading this.
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Communication from Public

Name: Brooke Taylor

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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.

Communication from Public

Name: Christi Petrucelli

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Comments for Public Posting: We need rent suspension and mortgage relief. People who cannot pay their rent now, will not be able to pay their rent when shelter in place is lifted. So many people live paycheck to paycheck, and even if they actually have jobs to go back to when this is over, they will not be able to payback months and months of rent. Without rent suspension we are dooming people to insurmountable debt and potential homelessness. And we already have a huge homeless problem in Los Angeles. Please, lets not make it worse. Help make these stressful and scary times less so. Please enact rent suspension BEFORE May 1st. Please.