

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/20/2020 12:42 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: THE RESTRICTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ARE CERTAINLY ENOUGH TO MAKE APARTMENT LIVING FOR TENANTS MORE SECURE. THESE NEXT PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS WILL MAKE OWNING AND RENTING A BUILDING IMPOSSIBLE. WE WILL END UP WITH BUILDINGS LIKE WE HAD IN SANTA MONICA. NO REPAIRS, NO PAINTING, LEAKING ROOFS AND OF COURSE, UNHAPPY TENANTS AND UNHAPPY OWNERS. THIS IS NOT THE SOLUTION TO PUT ALL THE BURDEN ON THE OWNERS WHO ARE NOT AT FAULT. PLEASE CONSIDER THESE FACTS CAREFULLY. THANK YOU, MYRNA GOODMAN

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 08:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My brother and I own an 8 unit apartment in Boyle Heights. This building has been in the family for over 70 years. We take pride of ownership and have 5 out of 8 tenants that have been with us over 20+ years. We have 1 bedroom apartments going for less than \$800 and 2 bedroom apartments for just \$900. The profit from the apartment represents the majority of my income. So clearly I am not making a lot of money. All these rent proposals are really effecting people like me. The idea that someone does not have to pay their rent for 12 months after the emergency is lifting (which could be 6 months from the start) is sheer craziness. Assuming 18 months of no payment of \$800 would be \$14,400. The likelihood of someone having that much money after the crisis is extremely low. With the new proposal that you cannot evict these tenants and they still get below market rents is ludicrous. The idea that I have to hire a lawyer to collect (outside the small claim courts limit) will cause disastrous financial implications for small apartment owners such as myself. I still need to pay utilities (water which will be higher due to more time at home), property taxes, upkeep, gardeners, etc. Yes these are horrible times, but these are long term disastrous implications for landlords.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa
Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 09:57 AM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: Cancel rent obligations for Los Angeles residents this is necessary to ensure we do not have a surge in our persons without home population due to the current pandemic. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Audrey RItterman Estes

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 11:22 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Property owners are business owners that providing an essential service. Would this city Council go inside a grocery store and request all of these propositions to decrease the grocery stores bottom line which might cause them to go out of business? And have a legal team to back you As you take as much food as you want and the grocery store might not even get reimbursed..That sounds like stealing to me. Landlords have bills and they need to survive too.....

Communication from Public

Name: Bailey Brooks-Henry

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 11:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My adult children work in the restaurant industry and after 4 weeks my daughter has finally received a portion of her unemployment benefits, unfortunately my son has not received his. It has been extremely challenging to keep up with their regular bills and try to pay rent. I have been trying to assist by making sure they have groceries on a weekly basis but this has also been a struggle. Renters need relief as well. It is almost impossible to try to catch up with the rent after 2 to 3 months of being unemployed. The rent is already out of control and it will become unmanageable. We need assistance with our rent.

Communication from Public

Name: Dan Esposito

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 11:33 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Please continue to support renters, homeowners, and workers at this time. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Percy Vaz

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 12:04 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: April 21, 2020 Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, As a long-standing and highly respected real estate developer of both affordable housing and market-rate apartments in the City of Los Angeles, I am writing to voice my strong objection to three motions being considered by your legislative body on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 10 a.m. which I believe will only serve to exacerbate the current situation and lead to further economic instability. These motion items are: Item 37 – Rent Freeze Motion: This motion seeks to impose a rent freeze on all rental units – those subject to the City’s Rent Stabilization Ordinance (SRO) and those that are not. The freeze would require landlords to roll back any rent increases in place as of March 4 and prohibit any new increases until 90 days after the end of the local emergency. Item 38 – Consumer Debt Motion: This motion seeks to re-classify unpaid rent as “consumer debt” not subject to the unlawful detainer process. If this motion passes, landlords would not be able to utilize the eviction process to collect any unpaid deferred rent that the tenant still owes, and would only be able to advance a civil action in Small Claims Court depending on the amount owed. Item 39 – Tenancy Termination Prohibition Motion: This motion seeks to eliminate nearly all types of eviction proceedings, except for health and safety reasons. The law would be retroactive to March 4 and would remain in effect until 30 days after the expiration of the local emergency. This proposal goes beyond what was instituted by the Judicial Council by prohibiting owners from even serving a notice of tenancy termination. I strongly urge you to vote “no” on these three items. Best Regards, Percy Percy Vaz CEO AMCAL Multi-Housing, Inc.



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Percy

Percy Vaz
CEO
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Communication from Public

Name: Craig Tice

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 12:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I wanted to express sincere concern over the direction the City is taking in dealing with this crisis and what appears to be a complete disregard for property owners. Tomorrow the City Council is considering an ordinance that would convert the deferred rent owed to landlords to consumer debt so that the landlord cannot evict a tenant for nonpayment of rent. If the City leaders are concerned that landlords will not work with tenants there are certainly more balanced methods available to address those concerns, such as extend the time allows to pay the debt, but also include some burden of proof from the tenant so only those truly affected receive the benefit of additional time. The City is quickly throwing out new ordinances without any consideration for the property owners who provide housing to the renters throughout Los Angeles. Many of these owners are small owners who live on a fixed income and rely on that income to pay their owner monthly bills. I don't think most property owners would object to the ordinances as long as they are balanced. Tenants are not required under the current LA city ordinance to vent communicate with the property owner. This defies logic wherein the City is supposed to be helping only those who actually need assistance. If there are to be any further modifications which I suspect is likely I am hopeful that the property owners who also have worked hard to build their business are consider in the decision making process. The City is not requiring grocers to drop their prices. The City is not requiring other businesses to provide services without being paid for those services, yet the City leaders continue to look to business of property ownership to provide their product at reduced rates and or in this case without charge. Now to add insult to injury the City wants to increase the likelihood that tenants will default on the amounts owed and make it more difficult for property owners to collect the accrued debt from tenants. Furthermore there appear to be no added requirements for tenants to even prove their hardship. While it would be nice if all people were honest and their was no abuse of such protections but that is simply not the case and there is no reason not to require tenants to prove their hardship if they are seeking additional protections beyond the 12 months they are given to pay back the accrued debt caused by rent deferrals. One other thing to think about is that if the City goes forward with converting his debt to

consumer debt the Small Claims courts will be flooded with people seeking judgments. Is the City making plans for that surge and is the City modifying Small Claims rules about amounts which may be sought in Small Claims. Tenants could easily accrue far more than the maximum amount allowed in Small Claims so how do our leaders involved contemplate these issues? I truly hope that the City Council and the Mayor's office consider all involved in this equation because property owners are hard working citizens of this community just as are the tenants in their buildings.

Communication from Public

Name: Claudia Border

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 01:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a long time apartment owner, bought for our retirement since we do not receive a pension, this puts undo financial hardship on us for our living expenses, and ability to property maintain the building as required. Why do you constantly punish the very people who are providing shelter and a home for people who choose to rent instead of buy????? Stop going into our pockets all the time to give welfare to others... This is totally unfair!!! VOTE NO ON ALL. Vocus on renter subsidies only on the basis of need and with proof!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 08:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is time for all levels of government to understand that mom and pop rental owners cannot continue to subsidize all tenants. Before long, the owners will be on the other end -- needing assistance themselves and there will be that many more homeless people!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: bouris pouldar

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 03:02 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly opposed to all three Agenda

Communication from Public

Name: William Booth
Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 05:48 PM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council, I am writing to you to express my support for the written comments submitted by Housing is a Human Right Director Rene Moya, which can be found here: <https://www.housinghumanright.org/letter-to-city-council/> Please take swift action tomorrow! Sincerely, William Booth

Communication from Public

Name: William J. Simmons

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 06:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To the City Council: My name is William J. Simmons. I'm a resident of mid-city Los Angeles and a PhD student at the University of Southern California. As a taxpayer and student in this city, I am writing to add my voice to the growing call for rent cancelation in response to the economic decimation caused by COVID-19. I stand in solidarity with my LATU colleagues and request that the City Council consider this necessary step in the name of social justice. Respectfully submitted, William J. Simmons

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 07:01 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Rents should be CANCELLED in Los Angeles while businesses are closed and many have NO source of income.

Communication from Public

Name: Justin Maurer

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 07:20 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Cedillo and Esteemed City Council Members, I am an American Sign Language interpreter and one of your constituents. I am writing today to ask that the city council work on Cancelling May 1st Rent for the workers, renters, and low-income families of Los Angeles. Workers include the unemployed, self-employed, independent contractors, freelancers, restaurant workers, bartenders, gig workers and part time employees. I myself have lost thousands of dollars worth of work in the month of April and am not sure how I will be able to make rent and bills on May 1st. Many of my family, friends, and neighbors are also out of work during this quarantine period. The people of Los Angeles are going to have great difficulty paying for rent, utilities, food, and other basic necessities. These are unprecedented times and I hope that our leaders understand the paramount importance of protecting the working class, working poor, homeless, and middle class of Los Angeles. Mayor Garcetti did implement an eviction moratorium but this is not enough. If tenants are required to pay back unpaid rent in 6 months or less, this would put them in an even more vulnerable situation due to a crisis and city-wide stay at home order that is beyond their control. Not providing immediate rent cancellation will have a tremendous detrimental effect on our city's economically impacted - many may not be able to stay in our communities. Landlords should also have mortgage deferrals granted by their Banks on their properties as taxpayer money has bailed out these banks to the tune of billions of dollars in 2009 and again in 2020. The banks can afford to handle a deferment in property owners mortgages for a few months until this crisis is settled and people are able to return to work. Thank you for your time. Please represent our most vulnerable working people and small businesses of Los Angeles - big business and the developers are receiving far too much leeway from our state and national government. Please cancel May 1st rent and mortgages effective immediately to best represent the people of your communities. The \$1200 check from the federal government will not go very far in Los Angeles and won't even come close to covering the rent of many of your constituents. Please do the right thing. Sincerely,
Justin Maurer

Communication from Public

Name: Nina Cruz

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 08:28 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Diane Valencia

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 09:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello City Council, My name is Diane Valencia & I am a youth organizer with the Southeast Asian Community Alliance in Chinatown LA, in District 1. I am writing as a member the Healthy LA Coalition and we want to demand you all do your absolute power to protect our communities in these challenging Covid times by 1) passing a complete eviction moratorium that keeps me safe in my home, 2) make sure mortgage relief is tied to relief for renters so that tenants don't accumulate rent debt, 3) pass a right of recall to ensure workers are rehired when the health emergency ends, & 4) bring back measures to council to protect unhoused people. My father stopped working as a uber driver & lost his primary income. He didnt want to risk my mother who has asthma to get sick. They are both renters & seniors & it will be challenging to keep up with rent. My husband is a free lance videographer & artist & lost many appointments & jobs, making it also difficult to keep up with rent. Many of the youth we work with have parents that significantly hours from work or completely let go from their jobs in the garment factory, restaurants, hotel industry, the cleaning industry & small businesses. Here are also statements by our YOUTH MEMBERS speaking their concerns: "The reason on why it is important on cancelling rent and mortgages are because there are several families that are receiving no or little income due to COVID-19, our families are all worried and stressing if they have enough supplies and may have to cut some loses in order to make up supplies they really need because of this it'll be very difficult for all our families, including my own, to save up enough money for the rent/mortgages" ~Leon Cano, age 17 "So many people have lost their jobs because of corona virus and they won't be able to pay their bills. You have the ability to cancel rent and mortgages so please do so to help people who've lost their income. " ~Tiffany Allen, age 16 "I think it's important to cancel rents because many families including mine are using their savings to pay rent and some don't have as much money saved so the money that is used for rent could be put to better use if it was used for food and water and would help many people survive the quarantine and prevent families from being evicted from running out of money for rent during the stay at home order." ~Jose Penate, age 15 "My family pays rent to my aunt who would never

put us out on the streets, but the bank might not hesitate to kick us all out at once if she can't make mortgage payments. There's do many of us living here and we have no where else to go. Almost all the adults can't work anymore and what work there is has to be spent on necessities. Our situation is unsustainable and meager savings are beginning to be depleted. I can't even imagine how we will handle someone getting sick. Please help my aunt, my grandparents, my parents, my little sister, me and families like ours by cancelling mortgages and rent!" ~Cindy Lei, age 16

"Because of Covid19 , my Dad has less hours of work which is also due to the spread of the virus. Please help us protect our families by cancelling rent because of people around the city like my Dad who is still asked to pay rent." ~Danna Carrera, age 15

"Many families in Los Angeles who work 1 or more jobs to afford rent have reduced hours or lost their jobs completely and it is now a struggle to make ends meet. So by cancelling rent it will help ease these thousands of families just trying to get through these times." ~Jaden Murray, age 17

"It's harder to pay rent because my mom needs to have money put aside in case of an emergency. Most of the politicians that voted not to give extended time to pay rent are landlords anyways. " ~Angelique Hurtado, age 14

PLEASE protect your community member by canceling rent & mortgage-- so we dont have to risk our lives, our health to make ends meat. DO we choose to pay RENT? or pay food? or die risking?!!! YOU DECIDE!!! DO THE RIGHT THING!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Leah Garland

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 10:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the City Council to pass a complete eviction moratorium that keeps people safe in their homes. I also urge the council to make sure mortgage relief is tied to relief for renters so that tenants don't accumulate rent debt. Please also pass a right of recall to ensure workers are rehired when the health emergency ends, and bring back measures to council to protect unhoused people.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 11:29 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have noticed many people are sunbathing at Griffith Park, on Los Feliz boulevard near the bear statue. People seem to be keeping 6' distance but the crowd made me wonder if it's safe. They are not walking or running but just hanging out. The weather is getting better and we need to think about how to control the number of people gathering at the same spot. Also, don't you think those pay as you go scooters are dangerous? Again, the scooters are not for exercising.

Communication from Public

Name: Nathaniel Boggess

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 01:14 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: We need a rent and mortgage moratorium immediately! I'm not allowed to work. I'm doing my part by staying home and the landlords should do their part too.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 01:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a lifelong resident of Los Angeles currently residing in the Los Feliz area. I strongly encourage swift action on rent forgiveness. Eviction moratoriums and freezes on rent increases do very little to help. How am I supposed to pay months of back rent when I am currently unable to earn money? This will throw thousands of residents including myself into poverty and homelessness. Please help us.

Communication from Public

Name: Alain V Berrebi
Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 08:29 AM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I am so proud of our city and our state for doing such an amazing job with this terrible pandemic. My only gripe is that we should have some sort of way to get masks out to everyone who cannot find one. I finally was able to order 10 today and they will get to me next week. It's very stressful not to have a mask doing these trying days.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 08:32 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need a coordinated antigen testing program of our council district, and a plan to roll out in the coming month. I expect aggressive action from the supervisors, the mayor, our governor and our representatives in Washington to act as one in this effort. We are watching and will vote out all those who are posturing but not acting as one to defeat this. Stop looking at the results and not getting to the problem.

Communication from Public

Name: Private resident

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 09:21 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you so much for any eviction protection, including those of us who are currently served under Ellis Act. You're the best! Also, my landlord has asked me to sign a payment agreement as I haven't paid rent, and I want to make sure I am not legally obligated to sign, as I've already shown documentation of loss of income.



Important Notice from the City of Los Angeles Regarding Your Ellis Case

You are receiving this notification from the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) because you are a tenant who received a notice of termination of tenancy under the Ellis Act in the recent past. If you no longer live at the property this notification does not apply to you, but please feel free to go to our webpage below for other important information. If you still live at the property, please read this notice carefully to understand new protections provided to you.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the City of Los Angeles passed Ordinance No. 186585 implementing temporary eviction protections. The Ordinance adds Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 49.99.4 which states, "No Owner may remove occupied Residential Real Property from the rental market under the Ellis Act, Government Code Section 7060, et seq., during the Local Emergency Period. **Tenancies may not be terminated under the Ellis Act until 60 days after the expiration of the Local Emergency Period.**"

The Local Emergency Period started on March 4, 2020 and is on-going. Any notice of termination of tenancy based on the Ellis Act that expired or is scheduled to expire during the Local Emergency Period must be extended by 60 days after the expiration of the Local Emergency Period declared by the Mayor of Los Angeles.

The landlord who filed the Ellis forms has also been notified of this temporary tenant protection. If the owner attempts to enforce the eviction notice by requiring that you move out during the Local Emergency

Period, you may contact HCIDLA by calling your assigned HCIDLA Analyst who previously sent you a letter at the start of the process or by calling [\(213\) 808-8537](tel:2138088537) or replying to this email and providing your name, telephone number and address. We will need to process each request for information if needed. You can also read more information on our web page at <https://hcidla.lacity.org/covid-19-renter-protections>. For information on other issues and protections not related to the Ellis, please call our general hotline at [866-557-7368](tel:8665577368).

If a tenant is served with Court papers or an Unlawful Detainer action, they should immediately seek legal counsel and assistance in responding to the Unlawful Detainer. Legal referrals are located [HERE](#).

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea
Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 09:48 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Why is it that all of the ordinances (and that of the one limiting rent increases during the shutdown which I understand) fall so disproportionately upon the owners of RSO properties? Why not be applied to all properties and rentals across the board?? As an owner of an RSO unit I am also disproportionately not included to be able to rent out my own Owner-occupied unit on Short Term Rental sites? It is very sad and frustrating and something needs to be done about it instead of always being unfair to us.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel korehe

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 09:48 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I'i have one small rental unit. My husband is handicap we live on social security. We work very hard in are live to achieve this rental property and u want to take this away from us. My tenant didn't pay me rent but I have to pay mortgage and my own bills thank u

Communication from Public

Name: Tigran K

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 09:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, city council president and members. Thank you for implementing a social equity program that has provided a pathway into a promising career. I'm a Phase 3 Round 1 social equity applicant with a paid invoice and a member of Cannabis Equity Retailers Association. I want to speak in support of accepting the grant money. Being able to receive funding from DCR to continue this journey as a social equity applicant will be life changing in a time when Covid-19 has added more uncertainty. Not only will allocating the funds to the invoiced applicants prevent a bigger pr nightmare with regards to Los Angeles's social equity program it will be a much needed lifeline to my colleagues and myself. In closing, on behalf of CERA and its members we ask you accept the grant money and instruct the DCR to immediately make funding available to those within the 100 that are barely hanging on and expected to run out of capital in the next 90 days due to the extensive delays in the process. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Marc Kramer

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 10:35 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: When is the City Council going to stand up for landlords? We have mortgages and expenses that we continue to be responsible for regardless of your biased and arbitrary policies to protect tenants. We all agree that tenants need to be treated fairly but to put the entire burden on landlords is preposterous. If tenants cannot pay monthly rent, they deserve time to repay but if you take away the most effective remedy of unlawful detainer, we will never get paid. Stop this assault on landlords.

Communication from Public

Name: Dee Ann
Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 10:50 AM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE STOP RENT and MORTGAGE PAYMENTS DURING THIS ECONOMIC CRISIS! Thanks!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 10:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: David Ryu has proposed a bill to forgive tenant rent payments and landlord mortgage payments. However, he is ignoring the situation of landlords who have already paid off their mortgages. Under this proposal, these landlords will lose their tenant payments with no restitution. Even though they have paid off their mortgages, they still have expenses to pay and they will need the rental payments for living and other expenses. His proposal must include some protection for this group as well.

Communication from Public

Name: Rabeya Sen

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 11:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Rabeya Sen and I am with Esperanza Community Housing. We are proud members of the HealthyLA Coalition. Our residents are hurting. Angelenos are hurting. We need you to act NOW to fully protect our health and livelihoods with a full eviction moratorium, mortgage and rent relief, and right of recall and worker retention. The City has the power to do more to protect renters at this time. A letter, sent to you yesterday from public interest lawyers, clearly shows that you have the authority to do so. Residents cannot afford to wait any longer. We need you to please act swiftly and act now. This crisis has increased the risk of homelessness for our most vulnerable communities, they are losing their jobs, are unable to keep a roof over their heads, take care of their families and children. What we are asking for is part of a multi-pronged approach for a just recovery from this crisis – one that ensures equity and that our most vulnerable residents are not left behind or just completely lost by this crisis. Here's what we are asking for:

- Item 39 – Please pass this now. Landlords are still giving out eviction notices, leaving people confused and vulnerable to exploitation. The current protections are just a delay on evictions. We need a real blanket moratorium on evictions that protects all tenants.
- Item 28 – We need to ensure that, with the responsible banking ordinance, mortgage relief is tied to relief for renters. Otherwise, tenants could continue to accumulate rent debt and face possible eviction later on.
- Item 10 – So many workers have been laid off. And, for many of them, they have been at their jobs for their entire careers. The fact is, to have a just recovery from this crisis, workers need to be secure knowing that they will have a job to come back to once the crisis is over. We need a strong right of recall with no sunset clause.
- Please bring back motions re:protections for the houseless. We ask this City to do what is right and to fully protect ALL residents. After this crisis ends, we have the task of ensuring a just recovery for everyone. These measures are critical to getting there. Thank you.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/21/2020 04:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: RENT ZERO UNTIL PANDEMIC IS OVER

Communication from Public

Name: Ian Jameson

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 11:40 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Ian Jameson. I urge Councilmembers O'Farrell, Rodriguez, Lee, Buscaino, Blumenfield and Martinez to support the motions put forward by Councilmembers Ryu and Bonin enacting rent freezes, a comprehensive eviction moratorium, and rent and mortgage forgiveness throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 27, the six aforementioned Councilmembers voted against Bonin and Ryu's motion which would have enacted a comprehensive eviction moratorium. Those votes will live in infamy; Los Angeles activists will ensure they never live down that betrayal of Los Angeles' most vulnerable tenants. Today, they have the opportunity to partially expiate the turmoil caused by those votes. Please surprise all of us by not being sociopathic, neoliberal puppets for corporate interests, and instead voting for these ordinances which will save tens of thousands, possible hundreds of thousands of lives. The Los Angeles City Council must also use all available means -- mass leases of high-vacancy motels, eminent domain, inter alia -- to get every unhoused individual in Los Angeles into shelter immediately. Do the right thing. Thank you.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 12:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: For the last decade or more LAPD has put sworn in civilian positions on the pretense that there is no budget to hire civilians. Needless to say there are many Admin Clerk and Sr. Admin clerk positions that are now being manned by sworn that make much more on the bbn pay scale. Now the department is wanting the civilians that are left to sacrifice our pay. Although I understand the need for sacrifice in this emergency, I would like to see the sworn driving desks to sacrifice also. The sworn at desks are not put in the field unless absolutely required. The department has many sworn that are on light duty and cannot be sent out for field work. At least why not make these officers take furloughs. It's not like they are going in the field. I'm just asking for fair treatment across the board in our department.

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Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 01:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My 23-year-old son is considered an essential worker, since he works for a big chain department store. He works part time and is committed to his employer, however in going to work in Los Angeles county he does not seem to be placed in essential areas. He has been working in departments like toys, seasonal (prior to Easter) and electronics. These are not what we, as parents, consider to be essential for the face to face contact he experiences every shift in this time of social distancing. Since the store offers drive up services and online orders, as well as store pick-ups, shouldn't the walk-in for the store be limited to essentials like groceries, sundries, paper goods, and pharmacy? The remaining items can be purchased through the services that limit customer and employee contact through the delivery systems they already have in place. A change in the accessibility remains a win for the company who maintains profits as they continue to support their dedicated employees. I just want to know that if my son is putting his safety on the line while supporting himself in college that he is doing it for the right reasons. I don't want someone else's casual shopping habits or needs to place my son or his fellow workers at risk. I know many are growing restless, so this is further reason to limit store product availability to walk-in customers. Although some department stores are moving to limit customer walk-in access, it is not a consistent or mandated practice as of yet. Consistency would make it clear for both stores and customer expectations. My son would be embarrassed to know that I had interceded in any way. Furthermore, I have never reached out to politicians in the past, but a mother's protective instinct is fierce. I just want everyone to be safe. Please consider this as you and your committees move forward in protecting Californians against this awful virus. I appreciate all you and your staff have done in this current COVID-19 crisis.

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: What about postponement or suspension of DWP bills. I have heard nothing about that, or property tax postponement. thx

Communication from Public

Name: Ann Marie Torres
Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 02:41 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am a school employee and on workers compensation due to an accident at my school site. I currently will be put on a re-employment list if I am not back to work by May 15th. I am unable to see my workers compensation doctor because his offices are closed and will not be open till May 16th. I have been trying to see other doctors and they are either not accepting new patients are cannot see me in time. Due to the Pandemic (no fault of my own) my doctors office is closed and I have no way to get a release back to work. My school district said they cannot extend that time and I will lose my position and go on a re-employment list. I do not feel this is fair as I have been an employee for 34 years and due to this pandemic and not being able to see my doctor or any doctor my district office is not willing to extend this time. Please help with this. If this law can extend to workers who are on workers comp and cannot see their doctor due to the pandemic school districts should make accommodations for them. Thank you so much for any help with this, I am a long time employee and I do not wish to lose my job.

Communication from Public

Name: SHANNON WOODLAND

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 02:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I, Shannon Woodland, am a tier 1 Social Equity round 1 applicant and request the following: A) I request DCR NOT allow the early login applicants (applicants that logged in before 10:00am September 3rd 2019) to hold any priority over applicants that logged in at or after 10:00am September 3rd 2019. I do not agree with the "normalization" methodology. B) I request that applicants that logged in at or after 10:00am September 3rd 2019 HOLD priority over applicants that logged in early. C) I request the 700 foot retail store front buffer and undo concentration rule be removed/waived/modified if an application was deemed ineligible by an applicant that logged in early and the priority be given to the applicants that logged in at or after 10:00am September 3rd 2019. The normalization of the applicants' timestamp is not a "tech" term to be confused with "manipulation"- DCR manipulated data. Also, there are no documents to be located outlining the normalization methodology used by DCR at the time it was applied. No formula documents, nothing. I am not sure if DCR can factually prove they normalized anything.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/22/2020 04:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: How do you expect landlords to be a welfare office? We are a business that provides housing to tenants for a fair market price. (Supply and demand just as the grocery store dose) It is not free for landlords to be in business and provide this service. We can not operate our business without the rent payments. The water, maintenance, insurance, and tax bills have increased this year and even more during covic19. I have been turned down for the \$10K grant but I am expected to decrease rent, not receive rent and act as a financer with no interest payments or late fees or even a legal commitment to the rental contract? Tenants can move without paying very large balances. If the owner does not pay the mortgage, tax, insurance, and even the RSO fees we are foreclosed on and or fined not allowing to collect rent. Your office does nothing for owners, no response or help, without having any concerns, or votes to help the owners. Tenants are moving in friends, relatives, and whoever they want leaving owners with no recourse. I don't understand how you expect landlords to operate and keep a clean, safe, and functioning rental property without rental payments and a legal rental agreement to abide by. Please help the property owners, the Landlords.

Communication from Public

Name: Maximilian

Date Submitted: 04/23/2020 09:46 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: WE NEED RENT FORGIVENESS! During this crisis not granting rent forgiveness and a complete moratorium on rent is akin to criminal negligence for the most vulnerable in our community. I couldn't pay last month and I won't be able to pay this month. That leaves me with a 4000 dollar rent debt as the rule now stands. I can't afford an extra 350 dollars a month on top of my rent. And I'm one of the relatively privileged ones. Forcing people into debt they cannot pay back as a result of this crisis, will lead to mass evictions between the end of this crisis and the 12 month period. I just can't understand how narrow sighted the city council and mayor are being about this. What do you all honestly think is going to happen. When this crisis lifts do you honestly think people are going to suddenly get jobs and not only make what they were making but more? Is that how you think this works? It took me and many others like me 5 years after the financial crash of 2008 to stop living in the corner of a living room! The best thing we can do is ease the burdens on those of us who are vulnerable. The stress of just having to make rent after the crisis is over in a constricting economy will be enough. Let alone throwing on more debt that we can't pay back!

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah

Date Submitted: 04/23/2020 10:46 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Landlords cannot shoulder the burden of housing in CA alone. If there is a rental moratorium or rental forgiveness, the vast majority of landlords will go bankrupt in Los Angeles. Note that Los Angeles has the largest number of mom and pop landlords in any big city in the nation - many of whom are immigrants. Even with mortgage forgiveness, landlords still have countless other bills in order to take care of their tenants - including but not limited to paying tenants' water and power, trash, repairs and maintenance for tenants, repairs and maintenance for the entire building and property, building insurance, and property taxes. If Landlords do not get rents, they cannot pay a multiple of other small businesses like electricians, plumbers, carpet cleaners, handymen, and on and on and on, furthering the economic devastation in Los Angeles. Landlords are doing everything possible to work with tenants, obey all city and state laws, and provide clean and safe housing for Californians. Do not bankrupt them - it will only hurt tenants.

Communication from Public

Name: Tammy Sanchez

Date Submitted: 04/23/2020 01:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My family and my neighbors are following all the recommendations issued by the city of Los Angeles and state of California to respond to and reduce the impact of covid-29. We are social distancing and many of our places of employment have been closed. This is greatly affecting our ability to make ends meet. At this time, many of us are barely able to eat or provide other necessities, much less pay rent. Rent deferrals will only ensure that we won't be able to catch up if and when things return to "normal" which I have read could be months if not years. We demand rent forgiveness. The pennies we are able to scrape together from assistance are not enough to survive. People need to prioritize food and medicine and other living expenses in this pandemic. Paying rent or accruing a debt for following orders to stay safe at home is unacceptable.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacob Ruiz
Date Submitted: 04/23/2020 02:05 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Jacob and I live in Los Angeles, California. I'm urging Mayor Garcetti to commit to 100% real, clean energy for Los Angeles by 2030 to be in line with climate science about decarbonizing our electric grid. Mayor Garcetti's current plan gets us to 100% by 2045, far too late given the urgency of the climate crisis and we know getting to 100% real, clean energy by 2030 is achievable and affordable. I insist that Mayor Garcetti gather the political courage necessary to protect the future of our youth and our families as we face ever compounding crises like climate change by committing Los Angeles to a fair and just transition to 100% real, clean by 2030.