

## Communication from Public

**Name:** J.B.

**Date Submitted:** 04/28/2020 12:00 PM

**Council File No:** 00-9999

**Comments for Public Posting:** Members of Los Angeles City Council, After reading last week's comments from landlords I was compelled to write in. I am aghast at the attitudes of some property owners who feel that their income, well-being, and sense of security should take precedence over everyone else's. We have all been affected by this crisis in some way, whether medically, economically, or psychologically, and it is upsetting that the council has continued to give priority to those in the property investment business at the expense of all else. Rent forgiveness is needed now. With countless residents out of work, many of whom have been unable to apply for unemployment benefits as freelancers and contract workers until this week, there is no practical way to expect folks making a fraction of what they were before to pay back rent. It would instead be more reasonable to require landlords to reduce or forgive rent until the emergency has ended, and seek their own emergency relief just like every other industry has been forced to do. Is there a reason that landlords cannot file for government benefits or small business loans? Placing responsibility squarely on the shoulders of struggling tenants to keep their landlords afloat is impractical and amoral. Please place priority on how to help the residents of your districts who are struggling to pay their bills, salvage their small businesses, and keep their families healthy. Thank you, JB

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Harry Sherman

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The City needs to acquire 15,000 hotel/motel rooms needed to house our most vulnerable and at-risk angelenos who are experiencing homelessness. The Mayor has already voiced support for this. So the council needs to get on board. Only 900-1000 rooms have been identified and occupied. This is not enough--we need more! The City and County are receiving federal stimulus money to be used for COVID-19 related emergencies. There is more than enough coming to cover the cost for the first 90 days of hotel/motel occupancy. The City needs to re-prioritize safety and infection protocols that are vital in keeping our unhoused/unsheltered brothers and sisters safe during these times. That means: supplying dumpsters, showers, hand washing stations that are getting maintained regularly, bathrooms and bathroom access, no enforcement of 56.11 or the 60 gallon rule, soap, vermin abatement, laundry vouchers, and water. Any measures that criminalize poverty and homelessness should be disbanded during this time.