

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Re: Proposed Article 5.3 (Harassment). Ladies and Gentlemen: I read with increasing anxiety and a disheartening sense of unfairness the text of the proposed anti-harassment of tenants text. Almost everything about it is another attempt to over-regulate an entire apartment housing industry in Los Angeles. I do not believe the application of new law is necessary. First, it applies to a specific subset of the population (housing providers). That subset is further segmented to address the bad deeds of relatively few housing providers. What is left is a very small group from whom better allocated resources should be redirected. Regarding unfairness: where is the language or the proposal to provide equal protection to the landlord (i.e. right of counsel, civil and criminal penalties for egregious tenant infractions, etc.)? Unfairly applied political power and over-regulation are the basis of the erosion of individual freedom. It is unlikely you will agree with that statement. But, reference to the "marginalized" tenants to whom the proposal is intended to assist has created a large group of newly marginalized housing providers. The continuing attempt to have the landlords bear the brunt of the decades of neglect of housing in Los Angeles and California is the definition of unfair. Were more choices available to tenants very little, if any regulation would be necessary. I look forward of reading new proposals providing an equal amount of thought and resources to protect we, who support our tenants everyday, nights and on the weekends. Sincerely, Ted Schneider