

Communication from Public

Name: Cassidy Bennett
Date Submitted: 03/18/2025 05:15 PM
Council File No: 14-0268-S18
Comments for Public Posting: I live in Council District #4. I strongly support a codified Right to Counsel ordinance. I am in support of the ordinance as drafted. Right to Counsel in other cities across the nation has proven to save the City money, prevent homelessness, and reduce the number of evictions. I also want to thank Councilmember Raman for your leadership on this critical issue.

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Name: Kyle Nelson

Date Submitted: 03/18/2025 05:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kyle Nelson. I am a longtime renter in CD5, and I am submitting written public comment in enthusiastic support of the City's Right to Counsel ordinance as drafted. The evidence is clear: Right to Counsel programs work. Cities across the nation that have already implemented Rights to Counsel have managed to reduce the number of evictions processed through their court systems, lower the number of cases that default (where landlords prevail because tenants do not have time to file Answers), and, perhaps most importantly for Los Angeles, reduces entrances into homelessness. Furthermore, LA County has already passed and implemented a similar ordinance, and the Stay Housed LA program's outcomes speak for themselves. Right to Counsel is now an important policy among many in the County's toolkit to keep tenants housed, ensure that courts provide equal justice to tenants and landlords, and prevent entrances into homelessness. In collaboration with our elected officials, advocates across Los Angeles have been working tirelessly since 2018 to create a policy that makes sense for the City of Los Angeles. Six years later, this ordinance is it, and I ask you to please pass it as written. I want to thank Councilmember Raman for your leadership, and hope that your colleagues will vote to enact a right to counsel for renters facing eviction in the City of Los Angeles!

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Name: Christina Boyar

Date Submitted: 03/18/2025 05:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Christina Boyar, I'm an attorney at Public Counsel and a renter living in CD5. I strongly support a codified Right to Counsel ordinance. I am in support of the ordinance as drafted. Right to Counsel in other cities across the nation has proven to save the City money, prevent homelessness, and reduce the number of evictions. I also want to thank Councilmember Raman for your leadership on this critical issue. I urge all City Councilmembers to vote yes on the RTC ordinance today. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Angela Birdsong

Date Submitted: 03/18/2025 07:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Angela Birdsong. I am discussing Items #8 and giving general public comment in support of Right to Counsel. I am a housing rights organizer for Los Angeles Community Action Network better known as LA CAN. I work in Council District 14, and I reside in the city of Inglewood, a close neighbor of the city of Los Angeles, and I am a landlord in Hermosa Beach. I strongly support a codified Right to Counsel ordinance. I am in support of the ordinance as drafted. Right to Counsel in other cities across the nation has proven to save the City money, prevent homelessness, and reduce the number of evictions. I also want to thank Councilmember Raman for your leadership on this critical issue. Anyone who takes the housing crisis seriously, which is a crisis of housing affordability, housing availability, and poverty, must speak and act from a moral place, not a politically convenient place, to keep people in their homes, to prioritize permanent housing, and to stop using criminalization to hide poverty, erase people and cause a city wide genocide. I am a witness to how having a legal housing advocate guide and advise tenants through the murky waters of the eviction process is extremely necessary. I urge all City Councilmembers to vote yes on the RTC ordinance today. Thank you!