

Communication from Public

Name: Lena Sullivan

Date Submitted: 06/23/2025 01:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a renter, and I live in District 13. I strongly support a codified Right to Counsel ordinance. I am in support of the ordinance version A. It has the correct definition of tenant, which is the same definition of tenant used in other ordinances including the Just Cause ordinance and Rent Stabilization ordinance. The City Attorney's Office should not be legislating and should be following Council instructions. This is the 4th round of amendments to this ordinance which has delayed Right to Counsel for passing for over a year now. Right to Counsel in 25 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'm a tenant advocate with SAJE and work with StayHousedLA, and I know first hand how incredibly important this is for protecting tenants. Additionally, please support an extension to the SHLA contract; it is critical to prevent more evictions and homelessness.

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Name: Angela Birdsong

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi - My name is Angela Birdsong. I will be speaking on items 48 and general comment. 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. We urge City Council to immediately extend the Stay Housed LA contract for one year and to fully fund the program. In addition, the City Council should vote yes on Item no. 48, on version A of the Right to Counsel program ordinance. The City cannot afford to worsen its housing crisis by stopping Stay Housed LA services that educate tenants of their rights, protect tenants from eviction and keep families from becoming unhoused. Measure ULA funds pay for these services, voters expect them to be provided and our communities need them more than ever. If you do not execute the contract, the City will cease providing legal assistance, rental assistance and Know-Your-Rights education to our communities. Amid the increased chaos caused by ICE raids, this would further disconnect tenants from the biggest network of legal services providers at a critical moment. Rental assistance will stop through Stay Housed LA, which is the only rental assistance source the City has right now. Hundreds of essential jobs at community-based organizations and non-profit legal services groups depend on this contract. Let's not further destabilize our communities by destabilizing a critical support network. The City Council must rectify this unnecessary disruption by directing LAHD to sign and extend the Stay Housed LA contract for another year and fully fund the program. I strongly support a codified Right to Counsel ordinance. I am in support of the ordinance version A. It has the correct definition of tenant, which is the same definition of tenant used in other ordinances including the Just Cause ordinance and Rent Stabilization ordinance. The City Attorney's Office should not be legislating and should be following Council instructions. This is the 4th round of amendments to this ordinance which has delayed Right to Counsel for passing for over a year now. Right to Counsel in 25 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

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