

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Kimberly. As a tenant, I urge you to pass today's motions to improve the city's code enforcement process for rental housing units. Too often, tenants have not been able to get repairs done quickly after code enforcement inspections. And when landlords do make repairs, tenants are displaced to temporary housing or are forced to live with disruptive construction. In addition, even programs like REAP fail to achieve timely compliance from landlords and the quality repairs tenants deserve. Everyone deserves to live in a healthy and safe home. Substandard housing is being weaponized against our communities by landlords looking to displace and gentrify. Los Angeles needs better code enforcement NOW! A strong and robust code enforcement system is vital in ensuring the health and safety of our neighborhoods and people. An improved system must result in timely and quality repairs for tenants. We want to see program improvements to REAP that will increase inspections for problem buildings, provide more transparency to tenants, and coordinate with other code enforcement agencies in the county of LA. Tenants deserve to live in healthy and safe homes and have units repaired in a timely manner! Los Angeles needs better code enforcement NOW!