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Comments for Public Posting: The city should adopt universal just cause eviction protections to so all tenants have basic protections and can fight arbitrary, discriminatory, or retaliatory evictions. The current proposal does not expand just cause eviction protections to all tenants. It leaves the hundreds of thousands of tenants renting single family homes potentially unprotected and invites unscrupulous landlords to conceal a property's corporate ownership through layers of LLCs. All renters in LA deserve just cause eviction protections. The current proposal extends many LARSO provisions to previously unprotected tenants, but declines to also expand the Tenant Buyout Notification Program. This is an important protection that should be similarly universal. Unprotected tenants are at risk of being coerced into signing away their tenancies and protections without fully understanding the implications or their right. Because the current proposal will otherwise require higher relocation payments for the no-fault evictions of these tenants, it creates a perverse incentive for landlords to coerce tenants into accepting lower-value buyouts, often when there is no just cause to evict.