

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Jasmine Gonzalez. I am discussing item number 7 and giving general public comment in support of a codified Right to Counsel. I am a renter and 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. Not having legal representation in an eviction case has impacted me and my family. Two of my siblings had to self evict because they could not afford an attorney. I urge all Committee members to vote yes on the RTC ordinance Version A today. Thank you.