

Communication from Public

Name: Karen

Date Submitted: 06/24/2025 11:01 AM

Council File No: 18-0610-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Hi - My name is Karen I will be speaking on items 48 and general comment. I am with SAJE 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.

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Name: Francisco Arvizu

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi - My name is Francisco. I will be speaking on items 48 and general comment. I am with Strategic Actions for a Just Economy-SAJE. 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.

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Name: Brad Sagal

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Comments for Public Posting: The UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights has already recognized housing as a human right, and the United States has already ratified this declaration. In fact, the US government even helped to write the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The very first line of the US Constitution states that the purpose of the government is to ensure the "general welfare" of all Americans. If you don't have housing, then you don't have welfare. A lawyer would help people protect their right to housing when they're served an eviction notice, just as people are offered a lawyer to protect their rights when their accused of a crime. The next step for the City of Los Angeles is to recognize a right to shelter, as has already been done in New York City and Massachusetts. Some say that guaranteeing basic shelter would decrease the peoples' motivation to work. That's possible, but it's a tradeoff I'm willing to make to end unsheltered homelessness. People would still have motivation to work if they want more than just basic shelter.