

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding Item No. 19-0623 of the 06/16/20 Meeting Agenda: Please approve the vacancy tax. Our city is being held hostage by landlords and foreign investors who are driving up prices and depriving your citizens of affordable, available, housing options in the city they call home. The property in the city should serve the people of the city, not act as a tool to exploit them while contributing to devastating homelessness, poverty, and economic oppression. Especially in light of the active pandemic and the deepening recession we are all facing, you need to drive up revenue from a source that as of now, does nothing to contribute to the city. Take this one helpful step to correct the housing market and rent crisis in Los Angeles. Prove you serve your citizens and want to contribute to a vibrant, authentic, equitable local culture that attracts the world. Approve the vacancy tax. Thank you for seriously considering my comment.