

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding Item Number 7 on today's Agenda (I was in the queue to speak and was not called upon to speak), I wanted to thank Councilmembers Bonin and Koretz as well as the PLUM Committee for the work on this council file and follow through to help RSO tenants in the City of Los Angeles. This is an important matter particularly to stop the loss of affordable RSO units in our City. I would like to recommend that in report back for penalties and potential potential actions against a landlord that fail to follow SB 330 protection provisions, that this Ordinance to comply with SB 330 incorporate LAMC Section 151 and provide for attorneys fees for the prevailing tenant who has prevailed in a court case where a landlord failed to comply with the protections afforded under SB 330. As a separate yet related matter, LAMC Section 151 is remiss in failing to provide for attorneys fees to the prevailing tenant and should be amended to include it. Without the provision for attorneys fees our most fragilely housed tenants will be denied representation because the right to counsel attorneys are working tirelessly on matters involving unlawful evictions. We will be facing a tidal wave of evictions and there are not enough free legal counsel to provide for all services needed. By amending LAMC Section 151 to provide for attorneys fees for the prevailing tenant, tenants will not be stifled in their quest to seek representation that they need to best represent and preserve their rights. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.