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## Request to reinstate the ERAP / Renter's Assistance program

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Dear City Council / Mayor,

I am a resident of Los Angeles. Just as many other Angelenos, I am struggling with Rent payments, due to the COVID-19 related lockdowns and business closures. The sad part is, the City has ended the Renter Protections on 1/31, which is not a wise (or well-thought) decision, considering that the Pandemic isn't over and so many people are struggling. The City just seems to have thrown all its renters "under the bus", despite the fact that many renters (as well as landlords) have suffered heavy financial losses.

I believe, the fair and ethical option to consider at this point -- would be not only to extend the Eviction Moratorium, but also to reinstate the "ERAP" City-funded program, where the City would help paying for the delinquent (and/or future) rent -- directly to the landlord.

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has put everyone in a very tough spot, but especially the renters. Many unnecessary and excessive forced lockdowns were initiated by both the State and the City. Therefore, the local government should take accountability for such drastic moves -- and continue providing Rental Assistance for tenants. This should include the past (delinquent) rent due -- as well as future payments. The Eviction Moratorium did *\*not\** have to end on January 31st.

To summarize, please consider the following amendments:

- (1) Reinstate the "ERAP Renter's Assistance" program (and/or request for the State to reinstate the "Housing is Key" program), to help the renters with payments to landlords.
- (2) Extend the full Eviction Protection program beyond January 31st;

Thank you, in advance.

I will be looking forward to your amendment to the decision, and extending the ERAP program.

Sincerely,

~ Alek Friedman

Los Angeles, California.