

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear LA City Council, Please allow landlords to raise the rent 7-9% in all RSO apartments. The freeze was understandably necessary while we were all suffering and trying to just get through the pandemic. But in the past 2 years alone the price of everything has gone up, the basic economics of which means the landlords of RSO apartments have had to significantly bear the increased costs alone. Now that all pandemic provisions and policies have been removed it only makes sense and would be fair to allow for a reasonable rent increase so that landlords themselves can also have a chance to recover and get back to financial health. Thank you for your consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carter Moon

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I understand that this is a city so utterly captured by big real estate and the landlord lobby that most people who sit on this council are utterly incapable of listening to the needs of their constituents. I understand that all of you think you're making fair, modest compromises to keep everyone happy. But at a certain point, you have to recognize that this isn't Eric Garcetti's Los Angeles anymore. The days of craven corruption are finally coming to a close. You can't keep driving the poorest and most vulnerable in this city into deeper and deeper immiseration and expect to not face consequences for it. Look at how many people in this city are paying 50% of their income or more in rent. Look at how no matter how many homeless people's tents you crush in trash compactors, people remain homeless because there's simply no way to come up with the money to pay rent. A 6% increase in rent is exactly enough to push people over the edge into homelessness. I think at least some of you know this, and you're voting for it anyway. We'll eventually vote you out of office, you continue to lose your seats to people who actually make the effort to genuinely connect with the community and don't take campaign cash from cops and landlords. But in the meantime, you'll have to live with yourselves knowing you've contributed to the additional pain of hard working people who deserve better than you're able to offer. Shame on you all.