

Communication from Public

Name: Denise Klassy

Date Submitted: 11/08/2023 04:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: am a property owner in the City of Los Angeles, specifically San Pedro. For almost four years now rents have been frozen and the 3% rent cap instituted last year was supposed to be an emergency measure due to the Covid pandemic. In addition I had a tenant who chose to not pay rent for almost 2 1/2 years because he could thanks to your draconian measures. He never had Covid. When I was finally able to evict him I had to put around \$15,000 in renovations into his unit as he had trashed it. He was ordered to pay for some of the back rent which he never did. I think you people on the Board need to get your priorities straight. I am a constituent and a housing provider for my fellow neighbors. I am a very good landlord—I always keep my properties in excellent condition and I do not raise rents for a significant period of time—usually 5 years once a tenant moves in a unit. You keep changing the rules and now I hear that another rent freeze is being considered. I don't know what planet you are operating from but there has been significant inflation over the last couple of years and the costs to landlords is not at all being considered. Costs relating to repairs, property taxes, insurance, increased fees for licensing, waste management, landscaping, maintenance legal costs, retrofitting mandates, utilities and a host of other expenses have increased dramatically. I know of no other sector of our capitalist economy where one private citizen subsidizes another private citizen. If you want to want to subsidize the costs of housing to renters I suggest you issue them some sort of housing voucher at the cost of the government. I certainly have not received any relief from the grocery stores, utility companies etc. due to rising inflation and costs. I will remember how you all vote on this issue. If I sound angry or disgruntled it's because I am.

Communication from Public

Name: Judy Branfman

Date Submitted: 11/13/2023 10:53 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: People across LA are still paying off rent debt post covid. The recent strikes and all affected people across the region are just going to be starting to earn enough money to pay bills that have accrued. Roughly 5000 evictions are being filed monthly. This is not the time to be raising the rent - the rent freeze must be extended.

Communication from Public

Name: scott
Date Submitted: 11/13/2023 01:00 PM
Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: And you ask yourselves why is the Los Angeles Rental system so broken and homelessness an epidemic here! Well, lets see RSO lowest market rate for a one bedroom is \$1747. Lets start with someone making \$15 an hour. Subtract 1/3 in taxes that means actually \$10 an hour. 40 hours a week is \$400 x 4 months =\$1600 WELL THAT DOESNT WORK! LEARN THE MATH! OK, Well lets say I am a single tenant who's been living in an RSO rental for 10 years and my rent is \$1000 a month, if I am lucky. Then you add in monthly utilities DWP is pricey... with Gas lets say a modest \$150 plus internet and cable another \$100 then you have minimal gas for the car another \$100 and you have \$100 car insurance LEAVING only \$150 left for food which might last you a week. (I guess that means NO eating out, pasta, and potatoes for a month)....And, I guess that means absolutely no wiggle room: for a parking, traffic ticket, clothes, shoes, any gifts, and no savings for another rainy day, possibly another pandemic or room for getting sick! Oh wait I guess that also means people like me shouldn't be able to afford quality health and dental insurance. Even at \$18-20 an hour of back breaking labor THE MATH STILL DOES NOT WORK! So you sit here and you blame homelessness on us. When businesses are reducing labor, strikes are rampant, AI is around the corner, Amazon is the MONOPOLY that ruins all the retail businesses, etc. Shame on you. Have you no conscience? Who do you serve? Are you a representative of your community or are you about serving whomever's got the money and out for your own self interest. This is ALL basic math, a kid even gets it. Now lets say you're a family living in an RSO apartment with one parent home taking care of the kids or you're a single parent or disabled or elderly living on fixed income OH WAIT THAT DOESNT WORK EITHER. THAT'S EVEN MORE COSTLY AND WORSE!! A landlord did receive Covid money from the government while renters, like me, couldn't work and many of us are still trying to payback our back rent. It will take some time for us to catch up working for \$20 or less an hour. If you do the math at this rate, it will take some time. Ok I get it if you're a MOM AND POP landlord who owns ONE DUPLEX. If you're a landlord who owns 4 or more units or more than one building and your claiming hardship That's BS! Before you make a decision I ASK

the city council FOR TRANSPARENCY ON LANDLORDS CLAIMING HARDSHIP, hiding behind several LLC's, some in the tens to hundreds OF LLC's. The public has a right to see this data who owns what! With the Landlords claiming inflation hardship, All of you ask yourself what about inflation hardship on us, renters, barely scraping by living from paycheck to paycheck? Again, do the Math! It's undeniably evident the majority of RSO tenants obviously are facing more financial hardship than the landlords! THEREFORE, I ask you, the representatives of the people to do the right thing, Vote to freeze the rent increase at the very least for 6 months. RSO renters were hit harder than the landlords during Covid and many of us still need time to catch up on back rent are struggling with inflation and any increase at this time poses a financial hardship on us, displacing thousands and increasing homelessness!

Communication from Public

Name: Judy Branfman

Date Submitted: 11/13/2023 01:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Extend the rent freeze - As you know: people across LA are still paying off rent debt post-covid; the recent strikes and thousands of affected people across the region are just going to be starting to earn enough money to pay bills that have accrued; and roughly 5000 evictions are being filed monthly. This is not the time to be raising the rent - the rent freeze must be extended.

Communication from Public

Name: Latesha Parker

Date Submitted: 11/13/2023 02:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: 1. Increase affordable housing supply: One way to solve the rent cap is to increase the supply of affordable housing. This can be achieved through government subsidies to developers or by incentivizing the construction of affordable housing units. 2. Rent control: Implementing or strengthening rent control laws can help to limit the amount landlords can raise rents each year. This can provide stability for tenants and prevent excessive rent increases. 3. Income-based rental assistance: Providing rental assistance to low-income individuals or families can help alleviate the burden of high rents. This assistance can come in the form of vouchers, subsidies, or other forms of financial support. 4. Incentivize landlords to keep rents affordable: Providing tax incentives or other financial incentives to landlords who keep their rents affordable can encourage them to maintain reasonable rent prices. 5. Encourage mixed-income housing developments: Encouraging the development of mixed-income housing can help to create more diverse communities and provide affordable housing options for a range of income levels. 6. Advocate for policy changes: Advocating for policy changes at the local, state, and federal levels can help to address the issue of rent caps and create more equitable housing policies. It's important to note that the solution to the rent cap may require a combination of these and other approaches, and will likely vary depending on the specific needs and challenges of each community.

Communication from Public

Name: Greg B

Date Submitted: 11/13/2023 02:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am an LA county voter deeply concerned with the City Council's proposal to allow a rent increase of any percentage, I along with millions of other renters (and voters) in the County of LA are firm in our demand for a 0% increase allowed for rent in the city, Landlords have made millions in profit while wages in the city have stalled. Rents are some of the highest in the country and do not need to be raised a cent, Landlords make more than their fair share from renters as is, please stand against greed and for keeping working people housed do not allow any rent increase whatsoever.

Communication from Public

Name: Ted Trembinski
Date Submitted: 11/13/2023 03:02 PM
Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the council to PASS this motion, led by Council Members Soto-Martinez and Hernandez. While the COVID pandemic might be over, the lasting effects on the income and financial stability of so many residents of LA are still being felt. I personally can barely pay my rent as it is and with a 7-9% increase, I could see myself being out-priced in my dwelling, unsure where to reside. I strongly urge the council to think of all Angelenos, especially renters during this motion and not just the privileged land-owners who have been able to afford property. With an already declared Local Emergency for Homelessness by county supervisors and Mayor Bass, the last thing the city needs is more evictions. Please do the right thing for your most vulnerable constituents. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: John M Conant

Date Submitted: 11/13/2023 02:31 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in regard to item (37), motion 20-0407-S1. I am a renter in Los Angeles CD13 who currently lives with 4 roommates. I share a room with one of my roommates in order to afford rent. I work full time as a theatrical stagehand in IATSE local 33. I am a proud union member but even with a college degree (Bachelor of Science) and union protections I am barely able to afford rent while working full time. My roommates all work multiple jobs in order to afford our rent. As such I stand in solidarity with the LA tenant's union in demanding that the rent is TOO HIGH and should NOT be raised. I am barely able to afford rent as it is and an increase would push me and my 4 roommates even closer to an eviction. WE DEMAND 0%. Thank you for your time, ~John Conant

Communication from Public

Name: Monisha Parker
Date Submitted: 11/13/2023 02:36 PM
Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: 1. Increase the percentage limit on annual rent increases: One way to strengthen the rent stabilization ordinance is to increase the percentage limit on annual rent increases. This would provide more protection for tenants against steep rent hikes and help to keep rental prices affordable. 2. Expand coverage to include more rental units: Another way to strengthen the ordinance is to expand coverage to include more rental units. This could involve lowering the threshold for rental unit size or extending the coverage to include single-family homes and condos. By including more rental units, more tenants would be protected by the regulations. 3. Require just cause for evictions: Strengthening the ordinance could also involve requiring just cause for evictions. This would prevent landlords from evicting tenants without a valid reason, such as non-payment of rent, violation of lease terms, or the landlord's intent to move into the unit themselves. 4. Increase enforcement and penalties for violations: To strengthen the ordinance, there could be increased enforcement of the regulations and higher penalties for landlords who violate the rules. This would help to ensure that landlords comply with the ordinance and provide fair and affordable housing for tenants. 5. Create a rental housing board or commission: Establishing a rental housing board or commission to oversee and enforce the rent stabilization ordinance could also strengthen the regulations. This board could be responsible for setting rental increase limits, handling tenant complaints, and ensuring landlords comply with the ordinance. 6. Provide more resources for tenants and landlords: Strengthening the ordinance could involve providing more resources for tenants and landlords, such as legal assistance, mediation services, and educational materials. This would help to ensure that both parties understand their rights and obligations under the ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name: Danielle Brown
Date Submitted: 11/13/2023 03:58 PM
Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: If our representatives care anything about the livelihood of their constituents, they would do everything in their power to prevent another rent increase. The entire country is struggling, let alone Los Angeles, which is the center of the entertainment industry. We've just come off of two half-year strikes that affect everyone's wallets. It's cruel to think that we have the funds to spare on a rent increase at this time (or any time). If you claim to care about gentrification, about children and their families, about marginalized people in any capacity, you will not vote to increase rent. And if you do, we will all remember it when it comes time to reelect. Do the right thing for your community.

Communication from Public

Name: lois DeArmond

Date Submitted: 11/13/2023 04:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Council members; I write to urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to vote against allowing rent increases of more than 3% on 2/1/24. Of course, continuing the rent freeze would be preferable, as even a 3% increase would subject thousands of Angelenos to the possibility of losing their homes. I believe HUD give us the statistic that every 1% of rent increase threatens 4000 people with homelessness. Eviction=death. I myself currently pay 70% of my income for rent. I am a senior on a fixed income. Any increase in rent will come out of my food, fuel, and utilities funds. I ask you to make the connection between your policies and homelessness. It is a straight line. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/13/2023 04:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: We cannot afford to spike rent while we have record numbers of folks on the streets instead of in shelters, please do not allow an increase of 7-9%!

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea

Date Submitted: 11/13/2023 07:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not raise the rent. We cannot keep up. You do not provide housing, you take it away from your community, you hoard it and use it to become richer. When will it end? Do you ever think about when people have had enough? You don't see us a people, do you? We're numbers, assets, consumers. Do not be surprised then, when no people will stand with you, defend you, grieve you. Do not be surprised, when the day comes that you appeal to our humanity, and you find none.

Communication from Public

Name: Kasey Ventura

Date Submitted: 11/13/2023 08:35 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Kasey. I am a tenant and I do work in City Council District 10 and 13. I am here to urge you to extend the current temporary rent freeze for another 6 months for units subject to the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (LARSO).

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Fumero

Date Submitted: 11/13/2023 08:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please extend the rent freeze for 6 months. Lives are at risk and we don't want to see more people become unhoused.

Communication from Public

Name: Elsie Garcia

Date Submitted: 11/14/2023 07:14 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Elsie Garcia. I am a tenant and I live in Boyle Heights, Los Angeles (City Council District 14). I am here to urge you to extend the current temporary rent freeze for another 6 months for units subject to the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (LARSO). I live in a rent controlled building with many elder neighbors already struggling to pay rent, I am also surrounded by elder neighbors living in their cars. If rent is increased we will have more neighbors forced to live in cars, this is not acceptable. We need to keep folks housed at all cost, especially those in rent controlled units.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/14/2023 08:44 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I have been a renter in a rent-controlled building in Los Angeles for ten years and I am deeply concerned about the upcoming 7-9% rent increase. This increase would place an enormous burden on my household and those of my neighbors, in addition to increasing evictions and homelessness. Like many other renters, I am still in the process of paying off rental debt accumulated as a result of COVID-19 over the last few years, in addition to keeping up with my current monthly rent payments. This alone makes my and many other renters' ability to keep a roof over our heads especially precarious right now, even without this rent increase looming. Please support a rent freeze or, at the very least, limit the allowable rent increase to 4-6% instead of 7-9%.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/14/2023 08:48 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a member of the L.A. Tenants Union (LATU). Tenants across Los Angeles are in crisis. Thousands of eviction cases are being filed each month. Homelessness has increased almost 10% in the last year. My neighbors and I cannot afford a 7 - 9% rent increase. Every day, landlords already circumvent rent control by harassing tenants to flip units. If City Council allows this rent increase on top of its non-enforcement of existing laws, it will mean more evictions, more homelessness, and more poor and working-class Angelenos forced out of Los Angeles. We demand that City Council pass an amendment preventing rent hikes in 2024 and a resolution to investigate the LA Housing Department's non-enforcement of existing laws. Unless you pass an amendment to freeze the rent, the eviction and homelessness crisis that you claim to be trying to solve will become more severe.

Communication from Public

Name: Tiffany Do
Date Submitted: 11/14/2023 08:55 AM
Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The City's rent freeze kept thousands of low-income rent stabilized tenants securely housed during the pandemic. These tenants cannot afford a huge rent increase when the current rent freeze expires in February. The problem of some mom and pop landlords struggling with their property maintenance cost shouldn't fall on the shoulders of tenants who can't afford a rent increase. The City of LA's permanent RSO rent increase formula must be amended to align with the lower RSO formulas in other cities. Utilities should never be included in the rent increase formula. Allowing landlords to raise rents by an arbitrary amount because they provide utilities, without considering the actual cost of those utilities, whether they are provided individually or collectively, and the many resources available to improve efficiency and reduce consumption will compound the challenges of tenants. In the County's recent decision, they did not move forward with including utilities, and neither should the city. Allowing rent increases based on utilities will also make the policy difficult to administer and enforce, and frustrate our ongoing efforts to address climate change in an equitable manner by undermining incentives for landlords to address energy efficiency in buildings. While the City waits for the RSO formula study to come back with recommendations, it cannot allow thousands of tenants to endure up to a 6% rent hike. A 6% rent increase is not much better than what the formula was going to be without the Council's action today. It would still lead to substantial displacement and eviction, and likely drive an increase in homelessness. Rather than allow a 6% increase, the Council should keep the rent freeze in place until the permanent study comes back.

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly Alvarado

Date Submitted: 11/14/2023 10:13 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kimberly and I am a tenant. I am here to urge you to extend the current temporary rent freeze for units subject to the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (LARSO). The City's rent freeze kept thousands of low-income rent stabilized tenants securely housed during the pandemic. These tenants cannot afford a huge rent increase when the current rent freeze expires in February. Allowing rent increases based on utilities will also make the policy difficult to administer and enforce, and frustrate our ongoing efforts to address climate change in an equitable manner by undermining incentives for landlords to address energy efficiency in buildings. While the City waits for the RSO formula study to come back with recommendations, it cannot allow thousands of tenants to endure up to a 6% rent hike. Rather than allow a 6% increase, the Council should keep the rent freeze in place until the permanent study comes back.

Communication from Public

Name: Emmanuel Ares
Date Submitted: 11/14/2023 10:29 AM
Council File No: 20-0407-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Good Morning City Council, My name is Emmanuel, Ares and I am a tenant that resides in the CD-1 District. I am writing to urge an immediate extension for a temporary rent freeze motion under the current RSO. This extension would allow tenants like myself an opportunity to have a fair assessment that is in alignment with RSO amounts that have been offered in different cities. Allowing this extension for a rent freeze motion would aid in ensuring no additional barriers for tenants to face in an already difficult housing stability, especially in the midst of the upcoming holidays. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Daniela Hernandez

Date Submitted: 11/14/2023 10:31 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Daniela Hernandez. I am an organizer in City Council District 14. I urge that the Council extend the current temporary rent freeze for another 6 months for units subject to the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (LARSO). While the City waits for the RSO formula study to come back with recommendations, it cannot allow thousands of tenants to endure up to a 6% rent hike. This would put thousands of tenants, families, and children at risk of houselessness. The council needs to address the housing crisis here in Los Angeles and prevent more people from being displaced.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie
Date Submitted: 11/14/2023 10:38 AM
Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a renter in council district 5. I live in a RSO. I am here to urge you to extend the current rent freeze for another 6 months for units subject to the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (LARSO). I have two roommates and we all work several jobs and spend more than 30% of our income on rent. So many people I know who live in RSOs will not be able to afford their rent and are at risk of becoming unhoused if the rent freeze is not extended. We live in a city where homelessness keeps increasing and it's the top priority for most constituents in all districts. this will continue to exacerbate the problem. we will never solve homelessness if we continue to use band aid programs and do not work on PREVENTION such as rent freeze.

Communication from Public

Name: Chelsea Rosales
Date Submitted: 11/14/2023 10:40 AM
Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Chelsea Rosales . I am a tenant and I live in Los Angeles District 14. I am here to urge you to extend the current temporary rent freeze for another 6 months for units subject to the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (LARSO). Many community members and tenants are trying to pick themselves up. The City's rent freeze kept thousands of low-income rent stabilized tenants securely housed during the pandemic. These tenants cannot afford a huge rent increase when the current rent freeze expires in February. While the City waits for the RSO formula study to come back with recommendations, it cannot allow thousands of tenants to endure up to a 6% rent hike. It is hard to keep up with the rising rent in this city and something needs to be done to make it more affordable for people in Los Angeles. Working multiple jobs to maintain yourself is not a life. I am tired of seeing community live under constant stress and anxiety. A 6% rent increase is not much better than what the formula was going to be without the Council's action today. It would still lead to substantial displacement and eviction, and likely drive an increase in homelessness. Rather than allow a 6% increase, the Council should keep the rent freeze in place until the permanent study comes back.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/14/2023 10:56 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Carla and I am a tenant in Los Angeles County. I urge you to extend the current temporary rent freeze for another 6 months for units subject to the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (LARSO). Increasing rent is cruel and unjust, we live in a city where everything is extremely expensive and most of the families that will be impacted are working-class. It is a disservice to the people of Los Angeles city and county to continue to increase rent prices when wages are not being increased. Everyone deserves to have access to affordable and quality housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Ken C

Date Submitted: 11/14/2023 11:13 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I currently live in a well-maintained rent control apartment in Westchester, and despite my full-time corporate software engineering income (over 100k/year), I could not take on additional rent increases due to inflation, the increased cost of living and trying to save for a home downpayment. The fact that this city, which markets itself to young professionals like myself in this income bracket, can't actually provide those opportunities to said young professionals is a joke, and this is on a top 10-15% US income. I can't even begin to imagine how this will affect lower-income families and individuals. Do the right thing, and bring rent control to 0%. Landlords and Blackstone shareholders don't need more yachts and Lamborghinis - people need to live.

Communication from Public

Name: George Tzortzis

Date Submitted: 11/14/2023 11:44 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a constituent (Palms resident) with a masters in economics and I question the wisdom of raising the rent on RSOs based on CPI calculations. As you know, the "C" stands for "consumer." However, to call renters "consumers of housing" would be wrong on so many definitional levels, but that's what this increase is implying. We don't freely choose where we live, but have access to housing based on income AND credit score, references, free time to look at available units, available savings for a deposit, pets, etc. To deny that landlords have monopsony power over us (they are like a sellers' monopoly) denies the basic realities of housing in Los Angeles. There are fewer and fewer options in West Los Angeles for people with working class incomes to stay local where we have formed and contribute to communities. Even a seemingly "fair" increase based on a general rise in prices across the board ignores the "why" behind the increase, the winners and losers baked in to this policy. The only justification for an increase is to give landlords breathing room for repairs and capital improvements, etc. But there's no enforcement that any increase will go to improving the buildings, and no justification under a rent control policy to allow discretionary increases among landlords unless your political goal is simply to put more money in the hands of property owners instead of their tenants. It's a political choice whom to favor, but in this case one group is already at a disadvantage by the nature of the "marketplace" within which they are forced to operate. I say "forced" because I'd much rather own my unit, I do believe in the old school American dream backed by ownership and responsibility. In the vacuum we can't substitute "rental housing as service," I don't want to subscribe to where I live. I shouldn't have to constantly make more money in order to stay put. And there's no assessment of the economic damage caused by housing instability, which is what RSO's are trying to ameliorate (I hope!), otherwise what good are they? So to allow increases now, in light of the recent report on homelessness and housing that came out, would seem to undermine the very case for commissioning such a report. If you're not going to read the assessment you guys asked for, how can anyone assume that the report itself wasn't just paying lip service to "doing something on behalf of renters," because obviously we don't have the same leverage as landlords do

in-between elections but we renters outnumber them as a voting block and this is an issue that hits us all in the pocketbook. So just based on pure small-d democratic logic, wouldn't it make more sense to support renters maintaining stable households and then have a fund established for landlords to apply to withdraw funds for repairs and capital improvements? That way landlords are covered as well against unforeseen costs they weren't able to plan for and the whole system would be more fair in its winner vs. loser burden?

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra Abdel-Malek

Date Submitted: 11/14/2023 12:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Alexandra Abdel-Malek. I am a tenant and I live in Los Angeles district 4. I am here to urge you to extend the current temporary rent freeze for another 6 months for units subject to the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (LARSO). According to the US govt accountability office, a \$100 increase in median rent is associated with a 9% increase in the estimated homelessness rate. That is unacceptable. Increasing rents will be catastrophic for the rent-burdened community in a city already dealing with with a massive humanitarian housing crisis. Now is not the time to increase rents. Please consider extending the rent freeze and please do not allow rents to increase on RSO units.

Communication from Public

Name: Dillon Foster

Date Submitted: 11/14/2023 12:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a tenant in Los Angeles and while my unit is not RSO eligible that doesn't mean that the rest of renters in Los Angeles that are in RSO units should have to experience the same burdens that I am experiencing and going to experience moving forward with a rent increase (on top of the price of rent that I already couldn't afford). My landlord is trying to increase the rent while I'm already rent burdened and it will likely force me into homelessness, despite the fact that I have fought like hell to try to prevent it. The problem of some mom and pop landlords struggling with their property maintenance cost shouldn't fall on the shoulders of tenants who can't afford a rent increase. RSO tenants shouldn't have to face the unaffordable rent increases. The rent is already too high. It's forcing me into homelessness and has forced my sister into homelessness. The reality is that this rent increase is too high and will result in a large increase in homelessness. If we are ever to eradicate homelessness it starts with making housing affordable (and does not end there) and RSO rent caps that are actually affordable will play a significant role in it.

Communication from Public

Name: Cate Carlson

Date Submitted: 11/14/2023 03:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am urging the city council to consider the effects that ending the rent freeze will have on a wide sector of renter Angelenos who are close to the edge when it comes to affording the already extremely high rents in this city. If landlords are allowed to raise their rents to the extent that would be possible if the rent freeze were lifted, so all renting individuals will feel an increased burden (at the very least) and many will be pushed into homelessness. How is it not abundantly clear already that the housing and homelessness crisis in this city does not only relate to the supply of available housing we have? There are clear correlations between weak tenant protections/lack of rental regulation and increased homelessness. Los Angeles has an opportunity to turn the tide and start addressing this housing crisis from all the sides that are needed if we are to ever get out of this hole. Protections for the landholding groups are predatory if there are no protections in place for the others. Please do the right thing.