

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 04:46 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Agenda Item #12 (council file #20-0407-S1) Please do not extend the freeze on rent increases nor lower the amount we are able to increase our rents this year! Rents have already been frozen for an outrageous amount of time. Not every person who owns residential real estate is independently wealthy. If the city wants low-income housing, they should build their own and stop expecting small landlords to fill that gap. We have mortgages to cover. Our costs continue to increase and we have already lost more than 2 years of allowable increases, which are never enough to cover the increases in our own costs anyway. Utility rates, SCEP fees, RecycleLA rates, and relocation fees have all increased. Los Angeles renters already have an incredible amount of protections. We did are part now please let us get back to business as usual and stop punishing landlords by dismissing this ridiculous proposal. Sincerely, Jenny Durling

Communication from Public

Name: Ana Maria Aharonian

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 04:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: To the Housing Committee Members: I strongly oppose the proposed rent freeze extension under Agenda item # 12 (council file # 20-0407-S1 . Rents have already been frozen for 43 months!!! We, mom and pops housing providers are working with rents frozen in 2020 and after three years all expenses related to maintaining our properties have increased, far out-pacing the CPI inflation numbers . Utility rates, SCEP fees, RecycleLA rates, labor, construction materials. This is the only industry that is working with income based in 2019 !!! The City has increased fees collected for SCEP to almost double of what we were paying in 2019; The City's partner in the hauling business has increased their fees annually , without regards of the pandemic or that the rents were frozen ; I am sure your salaries have been incremented during all these years since the beginning of the pandemic; and City budget have been incremented as well all this time. More so, all the other income properties in the City of Los Angeles built before 1978 have had a rent increment and ONLY the buildings under RSO have had their rent frozen for more than three years being the ones that need more frequent maintenance because of their age. Inflation impacts both owners and renters but is completely unfair to have us carry again the brunt of the economic recovery of renters when that responsibility should be yours. May be rent vouchers from the City to help renters affront a rent increment should be a fair solution? This is your problem and not ours. Not again !! Please dismiss this proposal !!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 05:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: vote YES on item 12 on Wednesday at the Housing & Homelessness Committee meeting. I am a renter in Los Angeles 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, and it would increase evictions and homelessness. Extend the rent freeze!

Communication from Public

Name: Erik K Reppe

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 05:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

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Erik Reppe Homeowner/Property Owner/Real Estate Broker

Communication from Public

Name: Sophat Phea

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 05:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a renter in Los Angeles and I am deeply concerned about the upcoming 7-9% rent increase. My neighbors and friends are already at risk of losing their homes. Some are stressing and struggling to pay their back rent. It will surely increase evictions and homelessness. Extend the rent freeze! People are fighting just to stay housed!

Communication from Public

Name: Lynn “Jeong” Stransky

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 05:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to vote yes on Items 2, 3 and 4 to make eviction data transparent and improve the city’s code enforcement process for rental housing units. Too often, tenants have not been able to get repairs done quickly after code enforcement inspections. And when landlords do make repairs, tenants are displaced to temporary housing or are forced to live with disruptive construction. In addition, even programs like REAP fail to achieve timely compliance from landlords and the quality repairs tenants deserve.

Communication from Public

Name: David Delgado

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 05:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Housing Committee Members: I strongly oppose the proposed rent freeze extension. I strongly oppose Agenda Item #12 (council file #20-0407-S1). Tuesday marks Day one thousand three hundred thirty-six (1,336) since the beginning of the COVID-19 rent freeze. Rents have already been frozen for 43 months! All expenses related to maintaining rental property for the tenants has not been frozen. ALL EXPENSES have increased, far out-pacing the CPI inflation numbers. Utility rates, SCEP fees, RecycleLA rates, and relocation fees have all increased. Why don't you take a retroactive pay cut and, work at your 2019 salary level and cut the entire city budget back to that of 2019? To impose that on rental property owners is no different. Inflation impacts both owners and renters. Will you make rules for others that you would never make for yourself? Thank you for dismissing this proposal. Sincerely, David Delgado

Communication from Public

Name: Ted Levis

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 03:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As a multi-family property owner in Los Angeles I am at a loss of words to describe your treatment of apartment owners. We are providing a service to the city of Los Angeles providing living spaces to residents of our city. Yet you punish us for the very service needed most in Los Angeles, housing. We did not create the homeless problem which our City Government has failed so miserably at solving. We are helping with the problem by providing housing. Yet you are trying to put us out of business. Apartment ownership is a difficult business, yet you act like we print money. You have not allowed us to raise our rents for four years. First because of the pandemic, and now because you grope for votes. We are working on 2020 pricing. Yet inflation has raised costs for every business. What business have you seen charging 2020 prices but apartment owners? All businesses have captured cost of living increases by raising prices, but us. Our insurance costs are up 40% over the last few years due to our state insurance commissioner's policies. Insurance companies are leaving California so we have less choices. As noted prices are up 40%. We cannot recapture our costs. Utilities are up across the board. Trash service is up. Yet you strangle us by not allowing us to price our product to show a profit. Why don't you freeze food prices of grocery stores? How about gasoline? Freeze our property taxes, our largest expense for operating property, because you are lowering the value of our buildings by freezing our rent. Our profits are being decimated due to your policies. You need to understand our business prior to your actions. You are destroying your housing stock. You are turning housing into a public utility. Is this the goal? Many property owners are foregoing repairs to their buildings because we cannot afford it. Choices for tenants are narrowing because owners would rather hold units off the market than repair them and rent at a loss. This is insanity. You are destroying the housing stock by your actions. Who wants to build in LA for a loss? Why would anyone invest in housing in Los Angeles with such restrictions on evictions and rents? You are socializing housing at the expense of a few. You should be ashamed of yourselves for your neglect to learn about our business and understand what you are doing to property owners. 95% of apartment owners are "mom and pops" who have chosen to invest in an apartment building instead of the stock market. This

is our retirement. You are decimating the value of our investments with your actions. Before you act please try to understand our business. It is crucial. You are destroying apartment owners' lives and biting the hand that feeds you. It is a disgrace. It is uncalled for. Why should such a small part of the population pay for the homeless problem vs. the entire population. Finally homeless people do not live in apartments. They live on the streets. You can do all you want, as you have, but will never solve this problem on the track you are on. Let the market price our product like all other product you buy. This will increase housing. You actions are decreasing the housing stock, or at best keeping it level. There will be no new construction in Los Angeles due to your draconian actions towards apartment investors. You all talk out of both sides of your mouth. You say we need more affordable housing yet you increase costs for all aspects of owning a home or renting an apartment by: ULA tax; increased utility charges; increased property taxes; increased fees for the housing department to oversee rent control; increased insurance costs; increased development fees; the time it takes to entitle new projects; and finally by freezing rents. There is more to owning a home than the cost of buying a home. Once you buy it you have to operate it. On this count, you have increased costs alot. Before you blame us for the lack of affordable housing and for the homeless problem, look in the mirror and see what you see. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Debbie Ward

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 03:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

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Debbie Ward

Communication from Public

Name: M.L. Carter

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 03:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Housing Committee Members: I strongly oppose Agenda Item #12 (council file #20-0407-S1). Tuesday marks Day 1,336 since the beginning of the COVID-19 rent freeze. Rents have already been frozen for 43 months! Covid money was "thrown" at my tenants, and what did they do? Bought new cars, electronics, padded their bank accounts, etc. Now, I am in dire straits and my tenants are living larger than I do! What should I do when all expenses related to maintaining rental property have increased, far out-pacing the CPI inflation numbers? Utility rates, SCEP fees, RecycleLA rates, and relocation fees have all increased. I also need to make my mortgage payments in order to provide decent housing for my tenants, but as the expenses rise, with no yearly compensation for us landlords, I will have to unfortunately cut back on certain amenities. Thank you for dismissing this proposal. Sincerely, M.L. Carter

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Brim

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 04:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Vote Yes to freeze rent for an additional six months. So many renters in LA had barely recovered from COVID financially when so much of the town went on strike with WGA/SAG. Now most renters in the film industry, like myself, haven't worked in almost a year. It is vital to make rent control protections stronger before any rent increases are allowed. Please protect the renters in our City.

Communication from Public

Name: Aaron Stein-Chester

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 04:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Extend the rent freeze. A 7-9% rent hike would be devastating to so many of us who already pay a significant portion of our monthly incomes to stay housed. This kind of dramatic increase would most certainly put more people on the street at a time when we're spending so much money to do just the opposite. It just makes no sense to have a policy that we know for a fact would increase evictions and create homelessness. The main focus of this council should be to do everything in their power to keep people housed right now.

Communication from Public

Name: Shelley J Hughes

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 02:35 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As the owner of small, 2 unit parcel with the rent of each equaling one-third the average \$2700 of rents in Los Angeles, I am disappointed and outraged that four years of not increasing the rents isn't enough for a pandemic that is OVER!! Why are landlords being held hostage for the plight of every case of homelessness? If this were a tiered system, with landlords of varying numbers of units and perhaps at a monetary limit, this might be something to be considered. Since this is NOT how anything is being looked at, the fact that the continuance of a freeze is preposterous!!! There has been no freeze on my property taxes, maintenance costs, utility costs, or repairs. WHY DO YOU THINK THE PROLONGED FREEZE IS RIGHT, JUST, OR EVEN FAIR?!?! Have your wages been frozen for that amount of time? NOPE. Police officers recently got a \$1 billion pay raise. Could that billion have helped the homeless. YES. Please stop placing the burden of the homeless on people such as myself. Most landlords do their best to help people stay in their homes. Developers and those with hundreds of units may not feel the pain of a freeze as much as someone as small as me. I FEEL IT!!! Pandemic policies have ceased everywhere but here!!! STOP THE MADNESS! DO NOT EXTEND THE RENT FREEZE ANOTHER DAY!!!! THANK YOU!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 04:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to support Items 2, 3, and 4. Renters have the right to strong protections! Housing is a human right! I live in County district 1. It's imperative you make eviction data transparent and improve the city's code enforcement process for rental housing units. Too often, tenants have not been able to get repairs done quickly after code enforcement inspections. And when landlords do make repairs, tenants are displaced to temporary housing or are forced to live with disruptive construction. In addition, even programs like REAP fail to achieve timely compliance from landlords and the quality repairs tenants deserve. I've seen this firsthand in LA Chinatown where elderly and extremely low income tenants are experiencing landlord harassment and government neglect. We need to protect tenants from abuse!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 02:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am calling for the Housing and Homelessness Committee to vote YES on item 12 on Wednesday at the Housing & Homelessness Committee meeting. I am a renter in Los Angeles 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, and it would increase evictions and homelessness. Extend the rent freeze!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 02:24 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please please please vote NO. We have been dealing with too many other increases. You have not frozen the increases to our SCEP fees which nearly doubled, our insurance has risen almost 20%, our water and power bills have risen dramatically, and lastly our property taxes have risen drastically. This will be the straw which breaks the camel's back. We need this rent increase to survive!

Communication from Public

Name: Yara Herrarte

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 05:01 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am asking Councilmember Blumenfield to vote YES on item 12 this Wednesday. I am a renter in Los Angeles 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, and it would increase evictions and homelessness. Extend the rent freeze!

Communication from Public

Name: Yara Herrarte

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 05:01 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Tim Redfield

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 06:25 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As the pop in a mom and Pop operation, I strongly oppose the rent freeze that is proposed. The unfair burden in places on landlords like me and my wife, who have our life savings tied up in our properties and continue to work, full-time to maintain and support it is unconscionable. It is our only retirement plan as we are self-employed, no golden parachute for us, don't put a hole in our plan- I doubt that all of you would vote for similar restrictions and alterations to your salary, like, for example, a rollback to 2019 pay status? I was a renter once, and felt the hardship of that, but I pulled myself out of it and I am proud of that. I expect it is the responsibility of all people regardless of their status to do the same with their life. I think there's part of each and everyone of you on the council that agree with that . Thank you for listening, Tim Redfield. Property owner of two small apartment buildings in Inglewood California.

Communication from Public

Name: Jesse Hernandez

Date Submitted: 10/30/2023 05:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

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Mr, Hernandez

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2023 05:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Housing Committee Member: I strongly oppose the proposed rent freeze extension. I strongly oppose Agenda Item #12 (council file #20-0407-S1). Tuesday marks Day 1,336 since the beginning of the COVID-19 rent freeze. Rents have already been frozen for 43 months! All expenses related to maintaining rental property have increased, far out-pacing the CPI inflation numbers. Utility rates, SCEP fees, RecycleLA rates, and relocation fees have all increased. Why don't you take a retroactive pay cut and, work at your 2019 salary level and cut the entire city budget back to that of 2019? To impose that on rental property owners is no different. Inflation impacts both owners and renters. Will you make rules for others that you would never make for yourself? Thank you for dismissing this proposal.
Sincerely, A. D.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca Rufer

Date Submitted: 10/30/2023 06:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote YES on motion 20-0407-S1. An increase in rent means an increase in homelessness, which is something this city simply cannot allow. As you may be well aware, every \$100 increase in median rent is associated with a 9 percent increase in homelessness. A 7-9% increase in rent would be a significant financial burden for the people of LA, who face an already high cost of living, and many of whom are still recovering financially from the pandemic. I, like most, do not suddenly make 7-9% more in wages. Please extend the rent freeze. Please vote YES on motion 20-0407-S1.

Communication from Public

Name: Cheryl Santiel
Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 09:09 AM
Council File No: 20-0407-S1
Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE agenda item #12 , 20-0407-S1 to extend the rent freeze for an additional 6 months. It has been over 3-1/2 years since landlord has been allowed to increase rent. All of the utilities companies has increased their rates causing landlord expenses to increase. Most if not all industries has returned to normal except the housing industries. Enough is enough, it's time to help the landlord recover.

Communication from Public

Name: R Zavala

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 09:13 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: To Housing Committee Members: I am asking that you oppose Agenda Item 12 related to the motion to extend rent increases to July 2024. I am a small property owner in the City of LA. While the ban for rent increases came into effect in March of 2020, most of my tenants that have not had an increase since mid 2019. Since that time, all operating expenses have increased by about 35%. Everything is much more expensive (like utilities, trash, City fees, repairs, maintenance, etc...). This strategy is not sustainable long term and many of us small mom and pop owners are at a breaking point. We need to increase rents to keep up with increasing expenses. Not allowing rent increases will only result in continued degradation in our properties over time. We need your help. Again, please oppose Agenda Item #12. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jordy Coutin

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 09:55 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I'm writing as a tenant in LA to encourage all members of the city council to vote YES on item 12 in the Housing and Homelessness Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 1. Allowing a rent increase would place a huge burden on my household as well as my neighbors, and could lead to evictions and homelessness. I implore voting members to consider tenants and the dire position many of us are in.

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 10:27 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

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Jonathan

10/31/23

Re: Council file # 20-0407-S1

Dear Housing Committee Members:

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Sincerely,

Jonathan

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 10:53 AM

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Algierd Kupczynski

Communication from Public

Name: Yeshi

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 10:56 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: William E Handy Jr

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 11:03 AM

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William E Handy Jr

Communication from Public

Name: Rochelle M Handy

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 11:05 AM

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Rochelle M Handy

Communication from Public

Name: Jiyounng Carolyn Park
Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 11:06 AM
Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a former Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board member who was active on the housing committee. I strongly support the motion. According the City Controller's office 60,000 eviction notices were filed with the City of LA from February to September 2023. Since these are households and not just individuals in many cases, more than 60,000 including children and the elderly are housing insecure. If they all become houseless, our unhoused population would more than double. As you know, rents are unaffordable for the average person in the city. More people move out of the city every day while our unhoused population increases every day. Do not make the situation any worse and vote aye.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 09:57 AM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 10:00 AM

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Francis

Communication from Public

Name: Loren

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 11:38 AM

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Loren Ponce

Communication from Public

Name: Carole Keligian
Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 11:53 AM
Council File No: 20-0407-S1
Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the rent freeze extension and Agenda item #12. Rents have already been frozen for 3 1/2 years. However, expenses related to maintaining rental property have increased enormously. Many of those expenses have increased specifically at the direction of the city--utility rates, SCEP fees, RecycleLA rates, and others. How do you expect property owners to make a living? Are you deliberately trying to force property owners to give up, so you can buy their properties cheap? (Not a joke--one of the City Council members actually said that). That would be a total disaster for renters and just another way for the city to lose money. It boggles my mind that you are even considering an extension of the rent freeze. WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 12:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I respectfully request you vote NO on any additional extension of the rent freeze. Prices have gone up for everything, everywhere, and yet as a small landlord (owner-occupier of a triplex) I cannot raise rents on my units. The cost to operate my units has increased--utilities, LAHD fees, repairs, maintenance--but my renters are paying the same rent they were when they moved in in January 2020. I agree that rents are increasingly unaffordable in Los Angeles--but forcing landlords to shoulder the burden for tenants is not a viable solution. It will make it harder for small landlords to stay in business, and leave the city with more corporate landlords who have the power to out-lobby the renters and out-lawyer the Council. Regulation is important, but over-regulation is dangerous. Please think of the unintended consequences of legislation like this, that makes it increasingly impossible for folks to ever leave their current unit(s) due to the huge discrepancy in rents once they leave, and leads to run-down units that landlords can't afford to maintain. Mobility and fluidity in the rental market invigorates cities, frees families, and improves access to housing. Extending the rent freeze is kicking the can down the road once again, at the expense of landlords--who are city residents too!!!--and the eventual expense of renters who will also suffer from worse housing stock and opportunities. Vote NO. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Frank Chen

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 12:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Instead of a rent increase freeze, you should be allowing for a rent increase that takes into account the record-breaking inflation that housing providers have all had to suffer through for the last 43 months. If you are moved by the renters who are complaining about potential 7-9% increases next year, where is the compassion for the housing providers who have eaten 17% cost increases ever since you implemented the rent increase freeze? What are you going to do about the squatters who are living for free in housing units under the protection of the city, costing housing providers tens of thousands of dollars? The reason why the socialists want to "debate" this for six more months is because they anticipate the inflation numbers that LAHD will be used at a later date will be lower than what is used now, and housing providers will be forced to eat the inflation that has already occurred. Sane councilmembers will vote no on this proposal. Find a real solution to the housing issue, like housing vouchers to keep people housed, compulsory addiction treatment, work requirements for welfare. Don't rely on gimmicks that penalize one group.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 12:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't allow for 7% -9% rent increase to go through. This is a large amount and will create a burden for our families and neighbors as well. Unfortunately we just haven't kept up with the pace of inflation and a lot of people are in a precarious situation as it is yes, I know rent has not increased in a few years (and that was probably a once in a lifetime situation) but it was always high to begin with. And future percentages are based on this number going up, so it just continues to get higher and higher it every year.

Communication from Public

Name: Gleiberman

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 12:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposed rent freeze extension, which is Agenda Item #12 (council file #20-0407-S1). Tuesday marks Day 1,336 since the beginning of the COVID-19 rent freeze. Rents have already been frozen for 43 months! All expenses related to maintaining rental property have increased, far outpacing the CPI inflation numbers. Utility rates, SCEP fees, RecycleLA rates, and relocation fees have all increased. As a person who contributes positively to the housing supply in Los Angeles, I ask you to support housing providers like me.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 12:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Housing Committee Members: We strongly oppose the proposed rent freeze extension. We strongly oppose Agenda Item #12 (council file #20-0407-S1). Tuesday marks Day 1,336 since the beginning of the COVID-19 rent freeze. Rents have already been frozen for 43 months! All expenses related to maintaining rental property have increased, far out-pacing the CPI inflation numbers. Utility rates, SCEP fees, Recycle LA rates, and relocation fees have all increased. "The RSO is a local law designed to safeguard tenants from exorbitant rent hikes and provide stability in the rental housing market." According to 2020 & 2021 gov stats, the total LA City population was 4,010,684 (2020), the total housing stock in Los Angeles City was 1,373,864 total properties, of which 506,115 are owner occupied, and 867,749 are rentals. The total number of RSO rental properties is 118,000, which is 14% of the total rental properties in LA City. Corporate landlords own over approx. 12 times as many units as individual "Mom & Pop" owners, like us. The restriction on increasing rent has placed an undue hardship on us. We own one duplex, which happens to be under RSO. We were not concerned at first when we purchased this duplex in 2010 in which all appliances were new and the units were remodeled to a beautiful living plan. We liked our renters and didn't increase their rent for many years. The duplex unit A has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths; rent increased from \$1799 to \$1,871, Nov 2019, which it still is today. Unit B a 2 bedroom, 1 bath increased from \$1,389 to \$1,444 in Nov 2019. The renter moved out to their newly purchased house in Oct 2019, Our new renter in the 2 bd 1 ba started Jan 2020 with a rent of \$1,900 to today. Many repairs and upkeep have been done on the property. As you know utilities and maintenance supplies and appliances and property taxes and fire insurance and earthquake insurance have all increased in cost dramatically. We have been holding our breath, waiting for Feb 2024 so we can increase the rents. None of our renters have been unemployed due to Covid nor anything else. We are retired seniors collecting Social Security. We do not have an increase in income like are renters have had. I think we have been patient enough. Our rents are far below what you have reported as average. We don't think it is fair to property rental owners who rely on rental income. We also have felt the increase in property taxes and insurance and

utilities and food and gas and other necessities. Please consider our needs too. We take care of our renters and treat them well. Please let us increase the rents in Feb 2024 as promised. This is no longer about Covid and hasn't been for a long time. Thank you for dismissing this proposal of a rent freeze to be extended again. Sincerely, Patricia Hess and Woody Park, wife and husband, owners of one rental property in San Pedro

Communication from Public

Name: Danny

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 01:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

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Danny A

Communication from Public

Name: Alexander Fierro-Clarke

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 01:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote YES on item 12 on Wednesday at the Housing & Homelessness Committee meeting. I am a renter in Los Angeles 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, and it would increase evictions and homelessness. Extend the rent freeze!

Communication from Public

Name: brandon hauer

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 01:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a renter in Los Angeles and I'm extremely worried about the upcoming 7-9% rent increase. This increase would place an enormous burden on me as my wages have yet to fully recover from the pandemic. This would also cause harm to households throughout the city and increase the already high unhoused population. This council (some who are actual landlords) need to show that they stand with renters and not the landlords and larger real estate interests that are exploding rents throughout the country. Extend the rent freeze

Communication from Public

Name: Mrs. Mitchell

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 01:24 PM

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Mrs. Mitchell

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Sweeney

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 01:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: So many landlords in this city, including mine, take advantage of their tenants, refusing to fix or upkeep apartments and STILL raise the rent because the city allows them to. Why do landlords get to raise our rent without MAJOR upgrades? Why should we pay more for apartments that have no changed at all? That doesn't make sense. And market values mean nothing when wages don't go up and years of inflation make those market values unsustainable for so many renters. Freeze rents, especially for RSO buildings. That is the only way to avoid exacerbating LA's housing crisis even further and preventing landlords from taking further advantage of their tenants.

Communication from Public

Name: Deahn Kincaid

Date Submitted: 10/31/2023 01:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0407-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a retired elderly single woman who owns several small rent controlled units. The rents I receive help pay the maintenance, taxes, insurance, utilities and mortgage payments. All these costs have increased over the last 4 years. You have approved rate increases for the Department of Water and Power which I pay for for the tenants from the rents collected. My property taxes and insurance and maintenance costs have also all increased. My last rent increase of 3% to my tenants was in 2019. It is no longer feasible for me to continue subsidizing the living expenses of my tenants. I am currently selling one of my buildings to a developer who will tear it down. The tenants will lose their rent controlled apartments. I am aware that the City of Los Angeles would like all owners of rent controlled units to sell to developers. Upon the completion of the initial sale, the property taxes immediately increase for the benefit of the City. Once the new building is completed the property taxes again increase based upon the cost of the new construction. The new units are no longer affordable to the majority of renters. It is the tenant that ultimately suffers. They have lost their affordable home all under the guise of rent control. Your consideration to continue prohibiting rent increases is a disservice to both the landlords and the tenants.