

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Gerald Martinez and I am a member of LA CAN (Los Angeles Community Action Network). I am discussing Item Number 6 and General Comment. I am a renter and I live in Council District 14. I want to share my experience with the Stay Housed LA Program from my perspective. Stay Housed LA program educates tenants of their rights, protects tenants from eviction and keeps individuals and families from becoming unhoused. SHLA workshops are accessible to both virtual and in-person participants across the City of Los Angeles, including here in my community of Skid Row, especially where slumlords like Leo Pustilnikov want to evict, displaced and banished tenants like me and my neighbors, hoping we do not know our rights or have access to legal clinics. We ask all council offices to become familiar with this resource of Stay Housed LA that can offer support to your constituents in need. I have seen several of my neighbors experiencing wrongful eviction under false accusations with management of Hart District Management. As well as having endured numerous harassment attempts by my management throughout the last several years. Me and my neighbors have utilized legal clinics for legal advise and any other questions pertaining to our housing from Stay Housed LA through L.A.C.A.N I have helped other neighbors in seeking legal advise through L.A.C.A.N so that they too know their full legal rights and not be bamboozled and or wrongfully taken advantage of. Stay Housed LA has helped me and other neighbors with rental assistance as well. Living in an environment where we as tenants are not at any of our Management's best interests. They prey on the weak and pick and chose easily manipulate tenants. We have no security and when we did the they acted like street thugs, and were only there for the management and building. Our rights as tenants are being stepped on and ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! Our US mail is being controlled by management and thus time sensitive mail is prolonged and affects our everyday personal lives, not mention affecting our compliance with Housing Authority to stay Housed. Our housing is constantly being jeopardized everyday.. Also I am standing with tenants from the 18 occupied buildings out of 21 buildings purchased by Hope For An Affordable LA (HALA) regarding conditions in the buildings. Our demands are: Immediate, on-site, lawful mail delivery for all

19 occupied buildings. No more excuses. Restoration of 24/7 security—not armed thugs, not intimidation, but real, tenant-protective presence—across the HALA portfolio. Thank you