

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/09/2026 06:05 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1084-S4

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please see letter attached



March 9, 2026

**RE: Strong support for approval of 20-1084-S4; executing contracts to provide Eviction Defense Program and United to House LA (ULA) Homelessness Prevention Program services**

Dear Council Members:

As you may know, United to House LA is a unique coalition from the labor movement, affordable housing developers, and social justice and community-based organizations to work on the common goals of affordable housing, homelessness prevention, tenant protection, and good-paying jobs in the city of Los Angeles. The Coalition consists of over 240 organizations that worked to pass Measure ULA on the November 2022 ballot and which continue to advocate for the implementation of one of the most progressive and transformative affordable housing measures in the United States. The Coalition is guided by a Steering Committee composed of 15 organizations who are actively improving Los Angeles and **we write today to urge your approval of critical ULA tenant protection and homelessness prevention contracts on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.**

To date, ULA's Eviction Defense and Homelessness Prevention Programs have been transformational for Los Angeles. With little to no funds for these types of programs prior to the passage of Measure ULA, in just a few years they have impacted key benchmarks in preventing homelessness and forced displacement in our City. For example, the Stay Housed LA program, a collaboration of 29 organizations with long and successful track records of tenant education and legal representation, contributed to a 16% drop in evictions in the City in just the last year alone. These programs are doing exactly what ULA was envisioned to achieve, stabilizing housing for families across every Council District, and the ULA funds are available now and designated solely for this purpose.

But unfortunately, the vote on the Eviction Defense Program and United to House LA (ULA) Homelessness Prevention Program contracts has been delayed twice over the past two weeks. Any further delays put these much needed services at risk, will result in people falling through the cracks in the system and becoming homeless, and will put hundreds of jobs at risk as well. The current contracts end on March 31, 2026. If the new contracts are not approved, EACH MONTH there will be approximately 160 tenants who will not be represented in evictions, 575 tenants will not receive limited legal assistance, 260 legally required answers to evictions will not be filed, over \$400,000 dollars in rental assistance will not be disbursed, 100 workshops will be cancelled for over 1,000 tenants, and tenant navigation will cease for hundreds of tenants navigating their housing crisis. This is unacceptable, and totally unnecessary.

Again, we urge your approval of the four ULA contracts for Eviction Defense and Homelessness Prevention Programs on Tuesday, March 10, without any further delay. Please contact us with any questions, and thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Thank you,

United to House LA Coalition

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Angela Birdsong

**Date Submitted:** 03/09/2026 05:33 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello my name is Angela Birdsong. I am addressing Item #5 and general public comment. I am a housing rights organizer for Los Angeles Community Action Network better known as LA CAN. I work in Council District 14, and I reside in the city of Inglewood, a close neighbor of the city of Los Angeles, and I am a landlord in Hermosa Beach. I want to share my experience with the Stay Housed LA Program which 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 our community of Skid Row, especially where slumlords like Leo Pustilnikov want to evict, displaced and banished tenants, our neighbors, members and volunteers, hoping folks do not know their housing rights or have access to legal clinics. \* For each month SHLA does not have a contract, approximately: \* 160 tenants will not be represented in evictions \* 575 tenants will not receive limited legal assistance \* 260 answers will not be filed \* Hundreds and thousands of dollars in rental assistance will not be disbursed \* 100 workshops will be cancelled for over 1,000 tenants \* 2,000 monthly tenant navigation services will cease Anyone who takes the housing crisis seriously, which is a crisis of housing affordability, housing availability, and poverty, must speak and act from a moral place, not a politically convenient place, to keep people in their homes, to prioritize permanent housing, and to stop using criminalization to hide poverty, erase people and cause a city wide genocide. We urge you to vote Yes on the Stay Housed LA Program! 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: 1. Immediate, on-site, lawful mail delivery for all 18 occupied buildings. No more excuses. 2. Restoration of 24/7 security—not armed thugs, not intimidation, but real, tenant-protective presence—across the HALA portfolio. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melissa S

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Melissa Simpson and I am a member of LA CAN (Los Angeles Community Action Network). I am discussing Item Number 5 and General Comment. I am a renter and I want to share my experience with the Stay Housed LA Program which 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 in the community of Skid Row, especially where slumlords like Leo Pustilnikov want to evict, displaced and banished tenants and their neighbors, hoping they do not know their rights or have access to legal clinics. For each month SHLA does not have a contract, approximately: 160 tenants will not be represented in evictions 575 tenants will not receive limited legal assistance 260 answers will not be filed Hundreds and thousands of dollars in rental assistance will not be disbursed 100 workshops will be cancelled for over 1,000 tenants 2,000 monthly tenant navigation services will cease Anyone who takes the housing crisis seriously, which is a crisis of housing affordability, housing availability, and poverty, must speak and act from a moral place, not a politically convenient place, to keep people in their homes, to prioritize permanent housing, and to stop using criminalization to hide poverty, erase people and cause a city wide genocide. We urge you to vote Yes on the Stay Housed LA Program! 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.