

Communication from Public

Name: A.B. Klein

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 12:15 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Housing is a crisis in Los Angeles. My neighbors are unhoused or tenuously housed, and countless families will be evicted if the moratorium is lifted. COVID-19 is not under control in the slightest, and we are entering the hottest time of the year. Thousands of people will die if they are forced onto the streets. My landlords are unquestionably desperate to kick out my family and several others in our building who are renting at significantly below-market prices due to longevity and rent stability laws, and no one will be safe without the moratorium. I urge you to include tenant voices in any and all discussions and recommendations regarding this matter. It is an emergency for us, NOT for landlords who have had loans forgiven and government protections that are not up for debate.

Communication from Public

Name: Tracy Hurtado

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 12:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Ending COVID protections for housing in Los Angeles would be detrimental to many families that rent. The pandemic isn't over. On another note, The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us the fragile state housing has been for years. How can anyone sleep at a night, knowing families that have been renting for years risk being homeless because the city council chooses to side with landlords? It is inhumane to take these protections away from families just to protect the pockets of landlords. HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT.

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Chang

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 12:16 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: We cannot end pandemic protections for renters. The pandemic is nowhere near over. COVID cases are in fact rising. Also, LA is currently experiencing record levels of homelessness already. If we take away renter protections, we're only going to see more homelessness as a result. Any conditions that allow homelessness to exist are cruel. Furthering homelessness is inexcusable. Not to mention - dealing with homelessness as a city is extremely costly. It would be more financially prudent to keep people housed in the first place. The city has a responsibility to maintain a livable community for all residents. As a resident and taxpayer, I would like my taxes to go towards helping my neighbors stay housed.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 12:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We are still in a pandemic whether we want to deny it or not. I know more people who have contracted COVID-19 in the last two months than in the last two years. People need the protections to stay in their homes and keep from getting sick, which can cause long term disabilities or even death. Renters are very vulnerable right now due to harassment from landlords, which will only increase if the eviction moratorium were to be lifted. Do not make people choose to risk their lives from COVID-19 in order to be housed and protected. Rental prices have been rising while wages stay the same and as soon as the moratorium is lifted you can bet rental prices will skyrocket even more while the population of homelessness will increase. Please do the right thing and protect your constituents from falling into homelessness in this spike of COVID-19. Just because we want the pandemic to be over doesn't mean that it is. Do not continue to risk people's shelter, protection, and lives in the name of profit.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 12:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Protections for tenants must be made permanent or people will be displaced and the homeless population will only get worse.
Tenants all around Los Angeles urge you to protect the people of LA not the profits of the few

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Cayer

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 12:17 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: The COVID-19 tenant protections have been an essential line of defense against the wave of poverty produced by the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing economic crisis. The City should be proud that it averted disaster for so many tenants by enacting these provisions. As rents, the cost of living, and the number of people experiencing homelessness all skyrocket, Los Angeles should be taking whatever steps necessary to keep vulnerable communities in their homes. Few workers have financially recovered from the COVID-19 shutdowns, and the current economic climate is slowing recovery even further. In order to give Angelenos a proper opportunity to recover, the City needs to keep these protections in place. If landlords are suffering financially as a result of the eviction protections, the solution is not to force already vulnerable residents out of their homes. The City Council should examine where landlords' financial suffering is coming from and address the problem at the source. Removing tenants who have suffered as a result of this historical pandemic will not solve crises like high-interest home loans. Ending the COVID-19 eviction protections will ultimately create more problems for the City, cause a greater economic strain, and further disrupt the communities intended to be protected by the City's historic actions.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 12:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: COVID cases are rising, wages are low, and the median price of a rental in LA is \$3,400. If you vote for this phaseout out tenant protections, you will be directly responsible for thousands of evictions. Prioritize people's lives, safety, and wellbeing! Stand up to corporations who don't believe in your values--housing is a right, not a commodity to be traded at the highest possible price. Tenants have been relying on these protections to stay housed. COVID is still raging, destroying families and interfering with people's ability to work and make enough income to pay rent. My coworker just tested positive for COVID yesterday and will not be coming in to work for the next two weeks. Do the right thing and protect tenants.

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 12:19 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: I respectfully urge the city council of LA to second guess their Vote against the moratorium. As a renter myself who has been indefinitely protected and housed with the help of the EM I know the true help and importance of it. Families and individual angelenos have been struggling. Rent is higher than ever with gas prices and inflation soaring this is not the time to get rid of protections but rather strengthen them. This city is turning unrecognizable and putting true Angeleno families at risk of eviction is not the kind of place we want to be. Flavorless. As a student, the EM helped me get back on my feet while I was hitting very hard times due to COVID. It helped me stay housed until I could finish school, get a better paying job that's full time, and can afford to pay my monthly rent as well as catch up with anything that was owed. The same goes for many families. And it's still happening. Covid cases are rising, angelenos are getting sick and having to miss work and there are no PTOs in place for emergency Covid sickness. This is why it keeps spreading. People keep going to work while sick in fear of evictions and not making ends meet. We must make all feel safe and secure when it comes to housing and food security so that we can all be in a place to flourish and be better contributing members to society. Also, more opportunities for angelenos to have a monthly payment of 1k! Especially if your seat is about to be taken, don't undermine the power of the people. Do the right thing for constituents. Keep the moratorium! Make it stronger! Find a way to offer those in need monthly stimulus! Thank you very much from CD13.

Communication from Public

Name: Erin

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 12:19 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Do not phase out renter protections. The pandemic is still raging, our unhoused population is growing, and most of the city is suffering. Please do not end the Covid-19 renter protections.

Communication from Public

Name: David Beirne

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 12:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello I'm a residential building manager. My livelihood depends on collecting rent. However ending these protections now will leave thousands of people evicted with no hope of finding new accommodation for 5 years. This will be the worst homelessness crisis that the city has ever seen. If there is no opportunity to rectify the back rent you will be throwing hundreds of families onto the street as COVID cases continue to rise. I know my corporate landlord will refuse a "cash for keys" program to avoid eviction and civil court will be nothing but evictions for several years. This is a moral failing on incredible levels. Let your campaign donations take a hit. The investors in these properties knew there was risk when they invested in them. The vast majority have made their money back 10x over. But the residents will have no place to go but the street.

Communication from Public

Name: Sherin Varghese

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 12:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Phasing out protections for tenants when all pricing is skyrocketing will result in thousands of newly unhoused people. Without protections in place, landlords have no other incentives to keep people housed as they have shown time and again their preference for empty apartments over paying tenants. If landlords want to claim they are providing an essential service, they should be subject to similar restrictions to prevent price gouging as utilities and other services.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Feige

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 12:11 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not repeal the COVID-19 Renter Protections, hundreds and thousands, will be pushed out on the street. Landlords are not your constituents. The people and renters are. Please do not end these protections under any circumstances. Thank you, Matt

Communication from Public

Name: Jamin Keene

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 12:11 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: There are enough homeless people and the pandemic is not over. Do not force people out while case numbers still rise. Give landlords relief, but don't throw people out and say you are not responsible for what landlords do, when you're giving them a green light to mistreat people.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Aston
Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 12:10 PM
Council File No: 21-0042-S3
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not phase out the Covid related tenant protections. COVID cases are rising, wages are low, and the median price of a rental in LA is \$3,400. Tenants haven't been consulted about this possible phaseout that could result in thousands of evictions. Tenants have been relying on these protections to stay housed.

Communication from Public

Name: Ryder T Insua

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 10:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Covid cases are rising, please do not being phasing out Covid-19 Tenant Protections - they are still necessary and needed. As ever, erasing or easing these will effect the most marginalized and most at risk folks (Like me!), all while the Covid risk has not gone away or even decreased - particularly as more research is done regarding Long Covid, making this a mass disabling event that we don't know the full ramifications of. Taking away these protections, or beginning to phase them out will result in many, many people losing their housing, which will INCREASE the number of unhoused folks... So many of the city council campaigns focused on various ways to reduce houselessness, and uh, THIS RIGHT HERE is a way to help.

Communication from Public

Name: Colin Beckett

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 11:04 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As organizer with the la tenants union, I have spent the last two years working with tenants desperate to stay in their homes—many of whom have ended up evicted and homeless despite the so-called "eviction moratorium." The threadbare protections that remain at the city level are one of the few things remaining to slow the already unbearably inhumane levels of state-produced homelessness. im not so naive as to imagine lawmakers care whether their propertyless constituents live or die. but given how much energy you creeps exert promising homeowners and businesspeople that you'll do everything possible to shield them from even glimpsing the misery on which their comfort is built, it would seem within your interest to maintain these minimal protections to keep people in their homes.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremy Bong

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 11:09 AM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: We shouldn't be phasing out Covid-19 tenant protections.

Communication from Public

Name: victoria thomas

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 11:26 AM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: It is imperative that housing decisions are made with input from those being most heavily impacted by them; the renters. Yes the financial impacts to landlords can't be ignored either, but you are talking about removing people who are down on their luck from their homes!

Communication from Public

Name: Misha

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 09:38 AM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: WE DO NOT NEED A PHASE OUT OF THIS, WE NEED PERMANENT PROTECTIONS. COVID rates are rising, wages are at an all time low, gas is at an all time high, and the average rent in LA is \$3400/month, WE NEED PERMANENT AND INCREASED PROTECTION

Communication from Public

Name: Leah Cooper

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 10:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Covid-19 cases are increasing even now as we tenants are still struggling with unemployment, unable to find wages that will cover rent. Landlords have been taking advantage of the crisis to push us out for developers and so they can raise the rent, leaving us unhoused with the current average rent hitting \$3100 a month. Why is LA City even considering ending the moratorium without gauging the needs of tenants? Tenants make up the majority of workers in this city. Landlords are private landowners who hold the threat of homelessness over the heads of their tenants while living off passive rental income. Whose labor runs this city? Not landlords! Renters are the ones who serve, clean, maintain, care for, teach, transport and supply what Angelenos (and especially landlords!) need to live their daily lives. Our city is hemorrhaging population for the first time in 100 years, and it's because we can't afford to stay. Mortgage payments haven't increased, landlords just don't want to work and they want to make up for the "investment" profit they've lost out on. If a landlord can't handle their finances, we lose our housing?? We deserve safe and secure shelter, we have paid years of wages into landlords coffers with nothing to show for it but aching feet and backs, no savings and a housing situation that can dissolve in a flash, depending on a landlord's whim. The pandemic isn't even over! Despite how much landlords want this all to be declared normal, those of us who work are now dealing with catching Covid-19 multiple times. We need permanent protections now!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Watt

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 10:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not terminate the eviction moratorium at the behest of landlords. Renters need your protection more than ever; "housing providers" just want to make money. So have compassion for your vulnerable constituents. Resist the demands of the wealthy. Have backbone. Be moral. Don't screw this up. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Gregory Irwin

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 01:36 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Don't end the eviction moratorium! COVID-19 tenant protections continue to be saving the literal lives of so many of your constituents. COVID cases are spiking -- I, for one, got it for the first time just a few weeks ago and I know many other for whom the same applies. As rental prices are rising, don't phase out this vital program that has brought so much value to your city; I hope you make it permanent, but if you're not ready to commit to that at least don't end it in a rush!

Communication from Public

Name: Aaron Stein-Chester

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 01:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: COVID cases are rising, wages are low, and the median price of a rental in LA is \$3,400. How can this council even **think** of rolling back the bare minimum tenant protections that currently exist? Any serious effort to address our intertwined housing and homelessness crises includes robust tenant protections. Instead of rolling them back, council must enact **PERMANENT** rental protections.

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan Lee

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 01:23 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: I am a homeless outreach worker. Ending eviction protections will only result in more people ending up on the street. We're talking families, pregnant women, victims of domestic violence, etc. Keep people from losing their homes.

Communication from Public

Name: Mario hercules

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 12:46 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Necesitamos más ayuda de emergencia en nuestras co.unidades hay gente que no puede pagar sus rentas por qué hasta en los edificios de bajos recursos ya llegó a 1000dolares el pago de rentas y muchas personas Hiran a hacer un número más de indigentes por eso hurgimos por medidas justas que se ajusten a los presupuestos del pueblo

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 02:39 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a resident in Koreatown. I write to strongly oppose any rollback of the current LA Covid-19 protections for tenants (currently codified at LAMC 49.99 et seq). Rents are extremely high, covid cases are high (and rising), and folks are still struggling. Homelessness will increase dramatically if you roll these protections back. Please do not do this at this time. Please provide more time for tenants to comment and to let you know how they are affected by these laws, and importantly, how helpful the covid-19 protections have been! In short - please do not end the covid-19 eviction moratorium. It is still the middle of the pandemic for working class folks, and they are protected by this law.

Communication from Public

Name: Kaimi Wenger

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 02:30 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the City Council NOT to start any reporting process to phase out renter protections, ESPECIALLY on a fast-track basis. Tenants are still struggling to make ends meet. For many tenants in Los Angeles, the Covid protection statute is the only thing preventing them from falling into homelessness. We are already in the middle of a homelessness crisis, with 60k unhoused people on the street already. Now is NOT the time to strip away tenant protections and cause even more Angelenos to become unhoused. The tenant protections are ALREADY time limited. They are tied to the City-level state-of-emergency. This is more than sufficient protection for landlords to fall back on; while ensuring that tenant rights are protected DURING THE EMERGENCY. Finally, IF the City Council chooses to take any actions regarding the tenant protection acts, they MUST INCLUDE TENANT VOICES and tenant-advocate voices in the discussion. I urge the City Council NOT to pass #21 as currently written, and to instead extend time for further public discussion.
Kaimi Wenger, Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Lois DeArmond
Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 02:36 PM
Council File No: 21-0042-S3
Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Council members; I am a tenants rights counselor, and I am writing to urge you in the strongest possible terms, not to begin phasing out the Covid-19 renter protections. To do so would submit as many as 100,000 renters to the threat of eviction, and for many, homelessness. The last thing we need in our city is more housing insecurity and unhoused people. In fact, what we urge you to do is create STRONGER, permanent renter protections, and create funding for better enforcement of the current ordinances. More than 60% of our population consists of renters. We need your help and support to survive in the city we all call home. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 02:37 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: With COVID cases rising, phasing out COVID-19 tenant protections in the City of LA would be disastrous. Tenants have been relying on these protections to stay housed. The City Council should spend their time working on permanent housing protections rather than phasing out ones that are currently in place.

Communication from Public

Name: Judy Branfman

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 02:26 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: LA's tenants have relied on rental protections to stay housed, especially while the state is not sending checks to tenants as promised. For some reason it appears you are in a big hurry to do away with the protections, which will enable vast numbers of evictions - and there has been no time for feedback from LA's diverse communities and tenants. 30 days is not enough time to hear from Los Angeles' tenants and come up with a policy that reflects the needs and possibilities. We do not need to do away with tenant protections, but rather to find a way to make the protections permanent.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 04:40 PM

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-Signed, Deb, Canoga Park

Communication from Public

Name: Haley Pollock

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 04:42 PM

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-Signed, Haley Pollock, Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Seth

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 04:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Now is the absolute *worst* time that LA City Council could vote to remove tenant protections. I applied for supplemental rent assistance in January and STILL HAVE NOT HEARD BACK even after submitting additional documentation for my income. I was unable to pay rent in February and March, and I'm finally doing some gig work now but I'm nowhere near back on my feet. If these tenant protections are removed, then not only am I liable to be evicted from the tiny studio apartment that has been my home for 15 years - I will also be subject to potential rent *increases* while this pandemic is still going on that I wouldn't possibly be able to afford. Please heed the HUMANITY of this majority-renter city and vote not to remove but to *strengthen* these tenant protections. And please take action to encourage the State of California to improve its "Housing Is Key" system that has been utterly deficient and negligent in actually providing the assistance to tenants and landlords that it has promised. There is a "silent wave" of this pandemic going on now, where ever-more-infectious strains are being met by a huge decline of testing and health agency reporting - but even amid that, Los Angeles is now a CDC-designated "medium" risk location and the word "medium" indicates extremely high community spread of this pandemic virus. Amid that, this Council NEEDS TO keep people in our homes and help us keep the foundation we need to keep working and get back on our feet.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 04:43 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: I am Hermes Padilla a resident and tenant of Los Angeles. I am asking that all of you take tenant's experiences into consideration because the phasing out of COVID-19 tenant protections will impact tenants the most. We do not need a phase out. We need permanent protections! During the pandemic it became evident that a home is necessary, therefore housing should be treated accordingly. Listen to your constituents and save lives by keeping LA housed!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 04:45 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: We have a homelessness problem right and it's going to get worse if you remove the protections we have for tenants. It is a lot cheaper to keep them housed than to find or build a place for all the people becoming homeless because of the pandemic. Please extend the protection until we have a permanent solution to the housing problems.

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Alvarado

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 04:46 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of extending the covid-19 protections for tenants. These are necessary. We are seeing so many people get evictions and still struggling with covid-19 symptoms or financial situations because they were affected by covid-19. Covid-19 is not over. Tenants still need protections. Families are still struggling. These protections are important.

Communication from Public

Name: JoAnn Paolantonio

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 04:46 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: I am in opposition of phasing out COVID-19 tenant protections and demand tenant inclusion in drafting any recommendations. Please Protect Tenants to Save Lives: Keep LA Housed! NO to the phaseout of LA City's emergency eviction protections; YES to stronger permanent tenant protections. NO report back without any tenant input. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Alfredo

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 04:50 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: I am the president of the Central Alameda Neighborhood Council in Council District 9. We are the poorest in the city and will be affected by lift of tenant protections disproportionately. I am in favor of tenant protections and hope this council protects the most vulnerable in our communities. Please extend and make tenant protections stronger. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 04:02 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not hastily lift the temporary protections of tenants related to the still-ongoing and once again upswinging COVID-19 pandemic. We can wishfully hope that these protections will truly be temporary. But treating them, at this specific moment, as unnecessary and redundant because there exist other protections under state law is woefully naive and uninformed. Sadly, if the local protections are actually removed, the cracks will appear and some of our most vulnerable neighbors will be the ones forced to suffer. At this moment, COVID-19 cases are again rising, while at the same time the conditions for Los Angeles renters have not gotten any better. Until our elected officials are willing and able to put more robust safety nets in place, these pandemic-related measures are needed to protect every member of our community.

Communication from Public

Name: Shana

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 03:46 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: It is not the time to repeal rent protections. Covid is not over. Rent prices have never been higher in los angeles. And most landlords are still under some mortgage relief. Plus, many, like mine, own these buildings outright. He inherited his. Do not cave.

Communication from Public

Name: Edna Monroy

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 04:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Protect Tenants to Save Lives: Keep LA Housed! NO to the phaseout of LA City's emergency eviction protections; YES to stronger permanent tenant protections. NO report back without any tenant input.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Peppey

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 03:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: VOTE NO 21-0042-S3 Loser Housing Chair Gil Cedillo kisses arses of his landlord paymasters bringing this awful motion removing COVID19 tenant protections allowing 100,000's of LA families to be kicked to street by giant corporate landlords that own this LA City Council. O'Farrell & Koretz gleefully cheer as they bend over 4 their corporate pay to play real estate buddies. Nury Martinez, Monica Rodriguez, Curren Price, Harris-Dawson, Mike Bonin, John Lee, DON'T BE MURDEROUS. DON'T END COVID19 EVICTION MORATORIUM. DOING SO WILL ADD TO THE EVER INCREASING NUMBER OF UNHOUSED LA RESIDENTS. Robert Peppey Silver Lake

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 03:06 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Excuse me, Councilmembers, You CANNOT vote for this As Covid cases are on the rise!!?? Permanent Protections are Needed!

Communication from Public

Name: emilee smith

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 02:49 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: LA needs to keep protections for tenants and renters in this city. Wages have not gone up and if they have, it's been minuscule, but you know what has gone up? RENT! We need to do everything we can to keep Angelenos housed and protected from eviction. For so many families and individuals eviction=homelessness and homelessness leads to an untimely death! Do you want to protect the working class people of this city or just the landlords and corporate interests? Keep Angelenos housed! Extend the moratorium, evictions are inhumane! No one should be turning profit off of housing because housing is a human right.

Communication from Public

Name: Devon O'Malley

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 02:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need to KEEP LA HOUSED. Housing is a human right, given the circumstances that occurred over the past 2 years during the deadliest pandemic the U.S. has ever seen, there should be no question that the laws implemented to protect tenants should create a foundation to find permanent solutions. A phase out will only create more houseless individuals in Los Angeles, unethical landlords and housing providers will be able to exploit hard working and vulnerable families. When rent is already roughly 50% (and climbing) of your citizens annual income before taxes/healthcare costs we are headed toward an unsustainable situation for most of the greater Los Angeles community. It is the responsibility of the government to listen to the people and people need homes! I would ask that you please reconsider phasing out protections that were long overdue and ask for public consent.

Communication from Public

Name: Charlie Carnow
Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 03:41 PM
Council File No: 21-0042-S3
Comments for Public Posting: Rising cases (including me!) show that the pandemic and its ensuing economic disruptions are not yet over. Please do not phase out covid protections but rather set in place permanent policy to better protect tenants, both RSO and non RSO through policies like just cause and a revision of the RSO ordinance to stop huge inflationary rent hikes.

Communication from Public

Name: Jonpaul Rodriguez
Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 03:35 PM
Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a tenant in North Hollywood Arts District. This particular area would crumble under the weight of an eviction moratorium being revoked without proper study. I heed all of the council members to approach this matter with open hearts. The people of this city are struggling now more than ever to pay their rent, and the landlords want to evict these struggling tenants from their homes so they can rent these empty units at higher price. Let's not play stupid. We know this is an angle for your more unscrupulous landlords will exploit once they are able to evict till their hearts content. Angelenos are facing evictions every single day while the landlords, the slumlords shrug off housing code enforcement, RSO enforcement, accessibility rights are being tossed over to the trash. What are we paying these people for? They are doing the bare minimum of what should be expected from a "housing provider." Our housing crisis seems to be exploding every week, and it's only gonna combust louder and more tragically once these protections are ripped away without clear assessment and mediation. You cannot so flippantly take away a housing protection policy just because landlords are annoying you. So many supporters of this motion to quickly erase the eviction moratorium are the same people who've created this housing crisis, and are destroying/gentrifying our homes, our blocks, our favorite corners. We, the tenants of Los Angeles, are the ones who keep your city afloat. Without home, you are without us. You're stuck with landlords, slumlords, and more empty buildings spreading like a plague across the body of this city, and state. To those of us are in a position to be evicted versus those who evict - there's clearly a power imbalance here that is favoring the land baron, the property owner, the businessman. But you already know this. So, please, take your time and measure this problem thrice, because the tenants of Los Angeles are counting on you. Thank you. Jonpaul Rodriguez Hartsook Tenant Association

Communication from Public

Name: A Holt

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 03:27 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: I am an attorney and a member of the Los Angeles Tenants Union. Thousands of poor and working class tenants across the city will be evicted if the council lifts the emergency tenant protections. Families continue to suffer severe financial hardships due to covid, thousands have lost income earning family members to covid, and thousands more continue to suffer long term disabilities due to past covid infections. The poor, working class people who were most impacted by the pandemic will be the first to suffer the violence of displacement if the emergency tenants protections are lifted. Contrary to the landlord lobby's frantic and inflammatory comments about tenants taking advantage of the protections, leaving behind a suffering landlord class, the conditions on the ground over the past two years paint a different picture. Both small landlords and corporate entities have engaged in widespread tenant harassment and abuse, resulting in thousands of extra legal evictions during the pandemic, where tenants were bullied or lied into leaving their homes, or illegally locked out of their homes. Landlords actively lie to tenants about the covid protections, coming up with random "expiration dates," or simply telling tenants the protections already expired. Literally thousands of tenants all over the city still have no idea there were every any renter protections in place. I personally have spoken to dozens of tenants who suffered catastrophic personal, medical, financial losses during the pandemic, and literally gave up their own food security and health in order to pay rent, under the duress of constant, violent, landlord harassment. Nearly 100% of tenants the union speaks to knew nothing about their rights or the covid protections until they spoke to the tenants union. Thousands of people who should have received rental assistance never even applied, because landlords failed to follow their obligation to post LAHD notices of the covid protections. The notion that landlords have been victimized during the pandemic is an insane delusion. The pandemic's impact on the housing market has now created another crisis for tenants, as landlords are frantically attempting to sell off hundreds of RSO properties, occupied by tenants paying affordable rents. The moratorium on no fault evictions is the only thing preventing those tenants from being forced out by the rush to sell off properties. None of these compounding crises are the fault of the poor and working class people who will become

homeless if these protections expire. The population of unhoused people will continue to skyrocket, and the exodus of the immigrant, working class families who have called Los Angeles home for decades will only be accelerated by lifting the Covid protections.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Lopez

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 11:23 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Tenant protections are the only thing that kept me and my family housed. My landlord said as much after I informed him I was knowledgeable about my rights as a tenant and informed all of my neighbors. Only after tenants received rental assistance came through did he stop harassing most tenants. There are others he is still harassing due to people's difficulty finding full time employment. He's only prevented from doing more because of these protections. The best and only step to prevent people becoming houseless is to keep tenant protections in place. Please continue to help us.

Communication from Public

Name: A. Maryl

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 11:39 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Phasing our tenant protections harms all angeleños - cases are rising and wages are low, and with inflation housing is already insecure for so many of our neighbors. The people who are the back bones of this city deserve permanent renter protections.

Communication from Public

Name: Camille Kolodziejski

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 09:53 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Hey council, Please do not end the eviction moratorium or change the tenant support we have at the current moment. We need robust protections for tenants and we need to keep people housed at all costs, honestly both of these things should be on the docket every day but ESPECIALLY in the middle of a pandemic that is very far from over. I understand pressure from landlords is high, and I just can't understand it as I know a huge amount of people who submitted a ton of paperwork and spared their time to get their landlords paid by the Government! These tenants went above and beyond to get the people who own their buildings as unearned income their rents. I'm loathe to watch more Angelenos pushed out on the streets, I refuse to watch my friends and neighbors choose between groceries and rent, and I can't stomach the city ignoring the impact of ongoing pandemic on its most vulnerable. Do not end the eviction moratorium. Do not leave tenants out to dry. I'm not sure what sort of comment you'll be getting, but I'd ask you to check into the votes of the recent primary. I think a good few of you faced opponents who ran on a pro tenants, pro housing platform. How did that go? Oh, right, the citizens of LA (I'm thinking CD1, CD13 and more) voted in big numbers for your opponents. We want to stay housed. We want to push back against \$3,400 median rents. Please keep the eviction moratorium in place AND increase support for tenants across the board where you can. Thanks.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 09:58 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Include tenants in your decisions! Do not end the eviction moratorium, and consider tenants when you draft any changes. Don't leave the majority of LA to defend itself against high rents, landlord greed (and inflation) and housing insecurity during a pandemic. Actually don't do it at all.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 10:13 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: It is time to allow owners to occupy their properties. So many tenants Have NOT been affected by covid yet they pay late because we cannot charge a late fee. have additional tenants move in. Have multiple pets move in that is destroying the properties. Its time to allow us our properties back!

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 10:13 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Do not end the eviction moratorium! Continue to shield renters (the majority in LA) from the ongoing pandemic, rapidly rising rents and massive housing insecurity. LA is facing (if not already embroiled in) a housing crisis and YOU, council members, stand between tenants and great peril. Include tenants in these decisions, do not make them behind closed doors in handshake deals with land owners and the real estate lobby. Don't leave tenants out to dry.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexander Mujica

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 10:47 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council, My name is Alexander Mujica. I am from La Verne, California. I'm specifically wanting to comment on the given COVID19 tenant protections. I am demanding that you do NOT end the tenant protections or phase them out because people need to be housed in the city of Los Angeles. Landlords should not be given authority in this instance because terminating the eviction moratorium would make the homeless crisis EVEN WORSE. The city of Los Angeles already has a homelessness problem that needs to be addressed and ending the eviction moratorium is not wise. The city lacks affordable housing and the average price of rent is already at \$3400 a month. Wages in Los Angeles are not enough to cover rent alone (averaging at \$15/hr). We also are seeing a rise in COVID cases in the middle of all of this. You guys are also ending these protections with little to no notice which is unacceptable. We should not allow this problem to continue to get worse since it needs to be addressed. Ending the eviction moratorium or the tenant protections will make this crisis worse. Please keep the COVID tenant protections and start advocating for housing first policies please! If we care about addressing the wealth inequality that we have in this city and country, we need to keep the protections because having people housed keeps people safe and it keeps communities safe. Thank you! Alexander Mujica

Communication from Public

Name: Haley Sanders

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 10:48 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: COVID-19 cases are rising, the median rent in Los Angeles is \$3,400, and tenants are still in dire need of rental protections. Thousands of people have become unhoused in Los Angeles during the pandemic. If the City's current tenant protections end, thousands more will be at risk of eviction and possible displacement. It is premature and inhumane to end the City's COVID-19 tenant protections; such an outcome would reflect the City's ongoing failure to ensure that its constituents have access to this most basic need. Please maintain the current COVID-19 related tenant protections, look into creating permanent protections for renters, and ensure that tenants have a seat at the table in drafting any recommendations in the future.

Communication from Public

Name: Carter Moon

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 09:39 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: As someone who only narrowly managed to stay on top of my rent throughout the pandemic, it is unconscionable to me that LA would consider yanking the rug out from under vulnerable tenants. We all claim homelessness is the biggest crisis facing this city, and yet we want to risk driving even more people on to the streets with absolutely zero formal input from tenants about the best way to transition to the next stage as we continue living through the pandemic. We can't just revert to the way things were before the pandemic, soaring rents were causing a housing crisis before the pandemic made things even more untenable. We need a real plan to keep tenants in their homes and keep rents at levels that working people in this city can actually afford. Anyone who votes to remove the current eviction moratorium without providing robust new protections will have blood on their hands, because evictions cause deaths.

Communication from Public

Name: jasmine
Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 08:05 PM
Council File No: 21-0042-S3
Comments for Public Posting: remain steadfast. remember why protection was put it in place. we need on going preventative measures to protect our tenants. no one chose this situation we are all in. no one is to blame and no one deserves to be unhoused.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Filiatrault

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 09:03 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: It is horrifying that this is being fast tracked out of committee without any chance for the public to comment on it. The People of the city are overwhelmingly renters so why should their lives be considered less valuable than the capital that is extracted from us by a small cadre of the extremely wealthy. It is been shown time and time again that the loss of stable housing has hugely traumatic effects on both the individual and community scale. No matter how much landlords want the pandemic to be over it is not, not to mention we are facing rising inflation, gas prices, and a lack of well paying stable jobs. To get rid of covid protections is only saying that the lives of the millions of renters like myself who have had our entire existences upended are worthless. Do not allow landlords to continue to play with the lives of millions of Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: Jenny Townsend

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 09:07 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: The landlords don't mind that Covid-19 continues to evolve & plague many Angelinos : the "enclosure" system of "owning & profiting" is ancient: the least able to pay exorbitant rents & increases shoulder the burdens of greed (around the world). Evictions of good tenants (who often, like me, pay 67% of their monthly \$\$\$ for rent) does not bode well for a "civilized" community. Side with justice, not with the rich (who are never satisfied (ask any oligarch). Stop failing the citizens who hold up the infrastructures of society. Don't let landlord conglomerates rule this city. The damned reCAPTCHA won't let me submit because this phone has T-Mobile SIM card for Assurance Wireless for the Poor. The connection is broken often so that I can't access the internet. I can't go to settings to switch to my internet provider's Wi-fi because I'll lose my document: I cannot sit here hovering over this phone waiting for the antediluvian reCAPTCHA gimmick that iOS is ridding Apple of. See why money talks? I sent the whole document to another cheap phone, but it'll probably invalidate my message. reCAPTCHA is primitive, not cryptology/cryptography.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason C.

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 09:13 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: First of all, let's dispense with the notion that charging for a basic human right is being a "housing provider". Second, let's note that COVID cases are continuing to rise in LA, and that gutting tenant protections right now would accelerate the spread of COVID at an especially grievous time. Third, a 30 day report back is hardly sufficient time to develop recommendations or to allow the working people of LA to make our voices heard, particularly when we do not have stronger, permanent protections established. Fourth, we must codify the right to counsel and fortify protections against harassment. Lastly, we must stabilize rent so that tenants do not face drastic rent hikes when emergency protections end. LA has a tremendous housing/homelessness problem and property owners who are sheltered by their wealth are urging the city to take several steps further down the wrong direction. We cannot do this. Housing is a human right! No evictions!

Communication from Public

Name: Caroline Luce

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 09:29 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Please protect tenants rights! Rushing through this decision could mean that thousands more people will be forced out on the streets. Stand by tenants not by landlords!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 08:34 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the City Council NOT to start any reporting process to phase out renter protections, ESPECIALLY on a fast-track basis. Tenants are still struggling to make ends meet. For many tenants in Los Angeles, the Covid protection statute is the only thing preventing them from falling into homelessness. We are already in the middle of a homelessness crisis, with 60k unhoused people on the street already. Now is NOT the time to strip away tenant protections and cause even more Angelenos to become unhoused. The tenant protections are ALREADY time limited. They are tied to the City-level state-of-emergency. This is more than sufficient protection for landlords to fall back on; while ensuring that tenant rights are protected DURING THE EMERGENCY. Finally, IF the City Council chooses to take any actions regarding the tenant protection acts, they MUST INCLUDE TENANT VOICES and tenant-advocate voices in the discussion. I urge the City Council NOT to pass #21 as currently written, and to instead extend time for further public discussion.
-Bindhu, LA City resident

Communication from Public

Name: Sandra

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 07:37 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Thousands have relied on COVID tenant protections and making changes now, as COVID cases are rising, could be devastating. This is my first time leaving a comment but I do so because I feel strongly about this. The current COVID tenant protections are the only things in place protecting tenants during such a tumultuous time in our city. Please do not remove these protections.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 06:59 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't phase out protections for our tenants. We are already in a city wide crisis and we need more support keeping people housed and not less.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 05:12 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Landlords have so many protections and have either been paid or received tax benefits. Renters have no help and no safety net. As landlords keep increasing rents and decreasing amenities. Continue to protect the renters that work hard in your communities.

Communication from Public

Name: nancy

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 05:23 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Miles dependen de las protecciones para inquilinos de COVID y hacer cambios ahora, mientras aumentan los casos de covid podría ser devastador. un reporte de 30 días no es tiempo suficiente para desarrollar recomendaciones sobre un tema tan importante. No podemos tener una eliminación gradual hasta que tengamos protecciones permanentes. Necesitamos protecciones contra el desalojo para los inquilinos que se enferman o pierden ingresos temporalmente. ¡Necesitamos causas justas en todas las unidades, sin excepciones!. Necesitamos un derecho codificado a un abogado y una fuerte implementación contra el acoso Necesitamos una estabilización de renta.

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly Alvarado

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 05:29 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Thousands have relied on COVID tenant protections and making changes to phase out emergency tenant protections now, as COVID cases are rising, could be devastating. A 30 day report back is not enough time to develop recommendations on such an important topic that would put at risk thousands of LIVES. We can't have a phase-out until we have stronger permanent protections in place. We need a permanent solution for housing in LA. We need safeguards from eviction for tenants who get sick or temporarily loose income. We need just cause protections on ALL UNITS, no exceptions! We need a codified right to counsel and strong anti-harassment implementation. We need stronger rent stabilization so tenants aren't facing huge rent hikes when emergency protections end. Do not jeopardize the lives of innocent people with a fast tracked process. Motion to pull this item off of the consent calendar and take it back to the committee to include qualitative input from tenants!

Communication from Public

Name: Ben L
Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 05:44 PM
Council File No: 21-0042-S3
Comments for Public Posting: HOUSING IS A RIGHT. NO ONE SHOULD EVER BE THERE
EVICTED. EVERYONE SHOULD BE HOUSED.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Gaines

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 06:14 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: It is simply unacceptable to amend the eviction moratorium at this time. COVID-19 cases are steadily rising and predicted to be severe again in the Fall if not before; houselessness is still at 60k in the County and rising and we still don't have nearly enough beds; wages continue to be low but rents are at an incredible high, with the median rent in the City being \$3400. If thousands of more people lose their homes, they will enter an already overburdened system with many families waiting years to get a housing voucher if they're LUCKY! I used to work in that system so I'm familiar with the timeline. Even before the pandemic, research showed that more houselessness meant more emergency room visits, and now as the pandemic worsens again, this is inevitably truer than before. And let's not forget that social distancing in homes vs in overcrowded shelters or on the streets prevents the spread of this illness and saves lives. Millions of taxpayer dollars will be wasted on emergency medical care, on already overworked social workers, all while we wait years for enough permanent housing to be available for our 60k houseless population. In our City that is already struggling enough, simply helping people stay housed by not ending this moratorium is the only compassionate choice here, the surest way to save lives. Compensation for people struggling to pay mortgages for their own homes and mom-and-pop landlords can certainly accompany such a decision.

Communication from Public

Name: Georgia Brewer
Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 04:35 PM
Council File No: 21-0042-S3
Comments for Public Posting: Protect Tenants to Save Lives: Keep LA Housed! NO to the phaseout of LA City's emergency eviction protections; YES to stronger permanent tenant protections. NO report back without any tenant input.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 04:35 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Now is not the time to be reassessing this moratorium. We are still in a pandemic, and L.A. already has a housing affordability crisis and a record number of unhoused people. We see it every day. This is going to make it much, much worse. City Council needs to be focused on crafting a considered plan to keep people housed and protected.

Communication from Public

Name: Dinah

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 04:37 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: We don't need a phase out of The eviction moratorium, we need more protections for tenants. The pandemic is still happening and cases continue to rise. Tenants need protections from landlords because housing is a human right. Ending the moratorium without listening to the needs of tenants will help avoid thousands of evictions. Do not phase out the eviction moratorium.

Communication from Public

Name: Tiffany Wong

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 04:53 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: This is not the time to phaseout the City's emergency eviction protections. We need stronger permanent tenant protections. The Council would recognize this if they actually created spaces to hear from tenants and listened. KEEP LA HOUSED!

Communication from Public

Name: Kath

Date Submitted: 06/21/2022 04:58 PM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I urge you NOT to take steps that will phase out tenant protections. Tenants are still struggling to make ends meet, and for many tenants in Los Angeles, the Covid protection statute is the only thing preventing them from falling into homelessness. I urge you to take measures that will protect struggling tenants during this Covid emergency. Sincerely, Kath