

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Renters in L.A. should have as robust of protections -- and even stronger protections -- than renters in New York and certainly as strong as protections as homeowners to stay in their home. We should be preserving housing affordable to the residents who already live in a neighborhood. Homeowners have robust and inequitable relative to renters protections -- in the form of staid property taxes thanks to Prop 13, mortgage interest tax deductions, and other subsidies for green infrastructure. ALL renters (including newer, younger renters who pay more taxes, higher rents, and have higher and rising incomes) should be allowed to hold onto their homes generationally -- just like renters in New York and just like homeowners in CA. These generational residents are the WORKERS of Los Angeles -- the cooks, chefs, domestic workers, teachers, artists, etc. They build L.A. and they should be allowed to age in place -- just like homeowners -- and pass on that work to their children in the form of inherited, affordable property, just like homeowners. We need to repeal Costa Hawkins at a state level and start applying RENT CONTROL to ALL buildings. Short of that, we need COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP -- financing and protection models that go around the antiquated and detrimental restrictions enacted by Costa Hawkins. Also -- FRIDGES should be a guaranteed right for all renters. No one should have to move here and buy a fridge. If a community is nice because of the PEOPLE WHO ALREADY LIVE THERE, they should be protected from evictions and continue to BE ABLE TO LIVE THERE, just like the homeowners surrounding them who disproportionately benefit from resident protections. PROTECT ALL RESIDENTS -- including and especially renters.