

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Monica Mejia and I represent the East LA Community Corporation and we support tenants in the Eastside and in all of LA. I want to strongly urge you to support a Right to Counsel ordinance. No one should EVER be evicted without legal representation. Currently, hundreds of thousands of tenants are struggling to pay back COVID debt on the City's timelines while ensuring we make rent payments going forward to keep a roof over our heads. LA City officials, we ask you to please support and work on passing a Right to Counsel ordinance as soon as possible. Right to Counsel is about reducing homelessness and access to justice in court. An eviction case will never be equitable as long as landlords are almost always represented and less than 10% of tenants receive legal representation. Right to Counsel would create a more level playing field for tenants and landlords in court and ultimately, it is a cost savings initiative because it will reduce and prevent the amount of people that end up homeless.