

Communication from Public

Name: Roger Davis

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Comments for Public Posting: We (she and I, life partners) own a small duplex apartment in San Pedro (Part of the city of Los Angeles). Both units are occupied, one is not paying rent except one recent month. (Previously neither was paying !!!) and expenses continue to occur. We are NOT a big bucks corporation, and even one tenant not paying is a 50% reduction to us !!! This non paying tenant, unpaid since the beginning of the program except for by public funds until May 2022 (no more since then), has been driving a high-end BMW, sporting expensive fingernail treatments (don't dare to look at them in bright sunlight), apparently leaves minor children home alone, and is employed, and causes frequent damage to the apartment, most recently unreported broken windows allowing heavy rain into the apartment. While we have received partial income from public funds, and one recently paid month rent, the "BMW lady" is currently in arrears for \$16,155.00 and climbing! Unless the city picks this up, we will never see it !!! The complicated compensation program (it was better than nothing), is now defunct. trying to get all paperwork filed both from tenants and the management company (we are elderly with illnesses, and unable to fully manage the apartments, and the management company wouldn't do much of the extra work on the program) and action taken was another nightmare in itself. This form of income is unreliable, inconsistent, and far less than current. Cash flow was always way behind. On our small budget for this apartment, it was just not up to the needs of properly maintaining the building. Now with the program dead, we have no path at all to reimbursement in a reasonable, useful time frame !!! If a reimbursement program begins again, it is ESSENTIAL that tenants bear some responsibility in this effort. Often they don't bother to do required paperwork to qualify them for payment. They can't be evicted, so why make an effort? As a result, no funds are available to pay their overdue rent. It's only fair that tenants MUST have some responsibility in this process, at LEAST that of properly making the application for assistance !!! Without this effort on their part, they should be in actionable DEFAULT.. Not only is this unprofitable, but this is putting large burdens on our finances, with no end in sight. In addition to withholding our funds, this tenant and others have taken large portions of public funds, which at least over the last year, was not justified ! Covid is

at a low, unemployment is at all-time lows, business is roaring, jobs are going unfilled !!! Please END this program which seems to go on endlessly IMMEDIATELY, while other areas have sensibly ended this kind of thing long ago ! We get no moratorium on taxes, insurance, repairs, general upkeep, water, power, etc, so more “holes in our pockets and NO interest paid for the monies owed to us (surely this is illegal), and often no principal payments!!! Another problem - It has been said many times that housing is needed, but this unjust situation is driving housing funds away from the area ! Thank you for your QUICK attention in stopping this legalized robbery !!!

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Name: Carlos Aguilar

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Carlos Aguilar, I am a tenant and I live in district 1. As a renter, I want to strongly urge you to vote in support of items 12 and 13 and pass all 3 permanent tenant protections including Nonpayment Protections, Relocation Assistance, and Just Cause without jeopardizing anymore tenants. No one should EVER be evicted without a reason, if someone is displaced as the result of an absurd rent increase they should receive assistance with moving & finding a new place, and people living paycheck to paycheck should have time to get back on their feet when their income is temporarily disrupted. Rent gauging needs to be limited to keep our families housed. We ask that you move these protections forward without any further amendments to keep as many Angelenos as possible from falling into homelessness. Thank You.