

Communication from Public

Name: Jessa McCormack

Date Submitted: 06/02/2023 08:55 AM

Council File No: 21-0042-S3

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jessa McCormack and I work on housing justice issues at the Liberty Hill Foundation, supporting organizations who are helping tenants stay housed. I have also lived in CD10 for 4 years. I am concerned about the lack of enforcement of the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance. Everyday, I talk with outreach workers who have submitted complaints but have heard no response from the City. Tenants are scared, and they risk displacement if no support is given. We know that many landlords take advantage of the major power imbalance that comes with owning property, and they feel justified because they are renting to poor & low-income people who may pay less than market rate rent. Enabling this power imbalance while giving tenants the false hope that the City has their backs is unacceptable. Every person, regardless of income, immigration status, language ability, race or cultural background deserves a dignified place to live, free of health & safety hazards and landlord harassment. It's time for the LA City Council to strengthen its Tenant Anti-Harassment policy and ensure that tenants have real protections against this type of abuse.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Jasmine and I am a concerned tenant. I know there is a policy currently in place that is supposed to protect tenants against this kind of treatment, but in reality there is very little being done to hold property owners accountable to their tenants. Many landlords take advantage of the major power imbalance that comes with owning property, and they feel justified because they are renting to poor & low-income people who may pay less than market rate rent. Landlord harassment has affected my mental health as well as my physical health and I think it is unacceptable behavior we need to put an end to. It makes it hard to function and go about my day. Council needs to implement something more meaningful, with consequences to prevent harassment and displacement. Please give this issue the attention it deserves. Thank you.

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Name: Tania Ramon

Date Submitted: 06/02/2023 11:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Tania and I live in Council District 10. I've been living here for 20 years. I am concerned about my housing stability because I have experienced harassment from my landlord who has engaged in multiple housing issues such as refusing to do basic things in my apartment building like permanently fixing the lock on the building front door so that my neighbors, my family, and I can feel safe in our own building and not have to endure more apartment break-ins. I know there is a policy currently in place that is supposed to protect tenants against this kind of treatment, but in reality there is very little being done to hold property owners accountable to their tenants. Many landlords take advantage of the major power imbalance that comes with owning property, and they feel justified because they are renting to poor & low-income people who may pay less than market rate rent. They withhold repairs, threaten to call immigration, issue persistent notices, push cash for keys, engage in verbal abuse and even physical abuse. This is unacceptable. Every person, regardless of income, immigration status, language ability, race or cultural background deserves a dignified place to live, free of health & safety hazards and landlord harassment. It's time for the LA City Council to strengthen its Tenant Anti-Harassment policy and ensure that tenants have real protections against this type of abuse.