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Comments for Public Posting: Please protect the current eviction moratorium. Covid is still with us, despite what President Biden said recently and the winding down of protections. Winter is coming and an increase in cases is projected. Bloomberg News Article, September 23, 2022: The World Health Organization said the world isn't at the end of the Covid pandemic, just days after President Joe Biden declared it's over in the US. "Being able to see the end does not mean we are at the end," said WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus in an online briefing on Thursday. Tedros, who said last week the end of the pandemic is in sight, warned there are still large gaps in vaccination in poor countries, risks of the virus evolving into more dangerous variants and hardly any access to life-saving Covid drugs in low-income nations. WHO's Tedros Says End in Sight for Covid-19 Pandemic During an interview that aired Sunday, Biden said the pandemic is over in the US as cases and fatalities decline and he seeks to steer the world's biggest economy away from a recession. Still, hundreds were dying each day from the disease during the summer. Biden Says 'Pandemic Is Over' and Inflation Will Be Controlled While rich countries are awash in vaccines and treatments, the situation remains far different in poor ones. The vaccination rate stands at just 19% in low-income nations, compared with almost 75% in rich ones, the WHO said in a separate statement. To improve access to Covid medicines, Pfizer Inc. said on Wednesday it will supply as many as 6 million courses of its antiviral drug Paxlovid to low-and-middle income countries at a lower price. Different countries are at different stages in the pandemic, said Maria Van Kerkhove, the WHO's Covid-19 technical-lead at the briefing. "What we want to make sure is that all countries are focused on ending this emergency everywhere, because we live in an interconnected world."

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Signage for the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. *Photographer: Stefan Wermuth/Bloomberg*

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Name: Ryan H

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Comments for Public Posting: Please consider ending tenant protections in cases involving mom & pop landlords or those who recently purchased a single property who do not wish to be a landlord. My family and I are the latter. My family saved for their entire lives and I worked extremely hard over the past several years to earn a high-paying job so that we could afford to purchase a home to live in together; however, there is a tenant who refuses to vacate the property. Without the tenant protections, she would have been paid relocation fees determined by LAHD and given appropriate notice to vacate. Due to the renter protections we have been forced to house her rent-free and against our will for almost 10 months now and even longer depending on when the protections are lifted. We have no issue wanting to protect tenants from predatory landlords; however, in this case we do not even want to be landlords. We just want to live in our new home, alone and peacefully, and are unable to do so due to the tenant protections. We have been hoping that one day the city council and relevant committees free us from this situation but have been let down repeatedly. Please consider doing the right thing and ending these protections.

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Comments for Public Posting: I can probably spend another few weeks but have a full time job that I need to keep to continue to be a housing provider while do this . Just between 18 people we at approx \$710,000 that we need to be paid in back rent. Extending the moratorium is not the answer !!! It is very very disturbing for people like Karen Bass to say she doesn't assume that tenants are cheating, but she wants to assume that small landlords like us are going to evict and sell properties. I decided to rent my house because I saw it as an opportunity to fund my kids' college. Clearly, the inability for me to sell and lack of owner occupancy has diminished that bleak chance I had. I am being forced to perpetually be a housing provider at the cost of my financial and emotional well-being. HOW FAIR IS THIS? ALL THIS WHILE YOU WANTED THIS TO BE EQUITABLE AND FAIR , it definitely has not been that The list of people are REAL PEOPLE that I have been talking to everyday !!! We are working class people who are being exploited by the rogue policies that the council does not want to lift. And in each one of these cases , the tenants have committed fraud! Their social media profiles definitely do not support covid difficulty. I had to put my trip on hold to go see my ailing mother back home in India for 2 years !!!! yet my tenant submitted covid financial difficulty and took trips to exotic places . Why wouldn't they?!! If I can make adjustments to my lifestyle because of pandemic why are you all enabling tenants to live beyond their means ? This is not a personal decision because it's propagated by the Govt !! We are the real victims here. An 80-year-old lady with 40% lung capacity in my circle cannot get back into her property because her tenants are demanding exorbitant money that she doesn't have , to vacate which like many others do not follow through . HOW EQUITABLE AND FAIR IS THIS ???? The numbers I shared do not even account for the court fees, attorney fees that we will have to spend to recover the money! YOU ALL SMART PEOPLE DO THE MATH. WE HAVE HAD STORIES WHERE TENANTS HAVE BEEN ADVOCATED AND CONSISTENTLY BEEN ADVISED BY LAHD NOT TO PAY RENT AND THERE IS NOTHING LANDLORDS CAN DO . Is this fairness ??!!!! At whose cost are you all extending moratorium??? I NEED MY PROPERTY BACK

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Name: Jacob Woocher

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Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT END THE EVICTION PROTECTIONS. I work as a tenant lawyer and every single day I see clients who still have massive amounts of rental debt and who have not recovered from the pandemic crisis. The city has done a decent job so far with some of the strongest protections in the country. All that will be undone the moment you get rid of these protections. The pandemic is still raging. People still have not recovered economically. What's the worst that happens with continuing the protections — some rich landlords lose a bit of profit? Keeping families in their homes obviously is more important.

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Name: Brady Collins

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Comments for Public Posting: “Hi, my name is Brady Collins and I live in Koreatown. I’ve been living here for 11 years, and I’m with Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA) and in solidarity with the Keep LA Housed Coalition. As an organization representing renter, I want to urge the City to implement strong permanent tenant protections before phasing out emergency COVID-19 tenant protections. With rent prices and inflation skyrocketing, many of us are struggling to make up for rent we missed due to illness or job loss, amidst harassment by landlords and slum living conditions; existing tenant protections are the only thing that have kept many of us from becoming homeless.

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, Please do not extend the eviction moratorium any further beyond September 30, 2022. We must be able to resume evictions again. As a landlord, this moratorium extension is incomprehensible and unfair. I have residents not paying any rent for multiple years now. Some haven't paid a single \$1 to live. Nobody should be living in a rental unit without any financial requirements regardless of the pandemic for such an unreasonable extension of time. Residents MUST be paying something on their own at this point. Why in the least should they not have to pay their current month's rent effective October 1, 2022? The burden should not be placed solely on the landlord to keep people housed. We must have the ability to manage our assets and evict non-paying tenants at this point. Please END the moratorium immediately. Thanks for your time in hearing the concerns.

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Name: BEVERLY BUTTERS

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Comments for Public Posting: Strongly urge the Ad Hoc Committee to bring an end to the City's eviction moratorium and rent increase freeze this year! Tenants will NEVER repay back rent. Small property owners should not bear the cost of providing housing without compensation.

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Name: Edna Monroy

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello LA City Council, I am a tenant, and community member that grew up in CD8, work in CD9, and live in CD10. As a proud South Central LA community member, and staff at Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE), I am in solidarity with the Keep LA Housed Coalition. As a renter, I want to urge the City to implement strong permanent tenant protections before phasing out emergency COVID-19 tenant protections. With rent prices and inflation skyrocketing, many of us are struggling to make up for rent we missed due to illness or job loss, amidst harassment by landlords and slum living conditions; existing tenant protections are the only thing that have kept many of us from becoming homeless. The pandemic has significantly affected my living situation because I myself got sick with COVID along with my whole family several times, and also lost loved ones to this virus. Like many, I have not been able to recover mentally and emotionally. There's no deadline on a virus, on a pandemic, so why should there be a deadline on TENANT PROTECTIONS. I staff the SAJE weekly Tenant Action Clinic every Tuesday from 4pm-7pm, and have been doing all during these pandemic years both virtually and in person, and honestly, these past years have been the toughest ones ever. Tenants are very sick, in so much debt, under so much stress, dealing with death and grief, and getting harassed and evicted left and right by unscrupulous landlords. The immense suffering is very overwhelming, and it takes a toll on our mental health and wellbeing. There was a need for tenant protections prior to the pandemic and there is an even greater need now. Lifting emergency protections without having strong permanent protections in place is reckless and inhumane. Please support the implementation of a Tenant Bill of Rights. We need a **STRONG PERMANENT TENANT BILL OF RIGHTS** that includes all of these much needed protections: Rent stabilization to the maximum extent allowed by state law Universal just cause protections Limitations on evictions for failure to pay rent Relocation assistance for tenants displaced for no fault of their own Effective tenant anti-harassment protections Safeguards when landlords attempt to buyout tenants Codified right to counsel for tenants facing eviction Strong proactive code enforcement Removal of discriminatory barriers to housing access, like credit history, eviction history and criminal history I

count on your support. Please CHAMPION the Tenant Bill of Rights (TBOR). NO PHASE OUTS WITHOUT PERMANENT PROTECTIONS! Thank you Edna Monroy

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Name: Alexander

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Comments for Public Posting: What Mike Bonin and the majority of the city council housing advocate terrorists have done to small landlords is beyond egregious. You have caused psychological, emotional and financial damage that many will never recover from. You have exploited a segment of the constituency for far too long. It is past time you ended your draconian, unconstitutional eviction moratorium. We are not responsible for carrying the burden for a housing crisis we didn't create. Not only did we not create it, but small rental property owners provide the majority of below market housing. You deserve to experience the same pain you have caused. You deserve to have your life savings and your homes to be confiscated. You deserve to experience the abuse and extortion that many landlords experienced. You deserve to experience the financial stress of not knowing how you will be able to pay your mounting bills. I looked forward to the coming litigation. Something like this can never happen again. The city must be held accountable for the crimes they have perpetrated.

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Name: Peggy Henderson

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'm writing to ask you to please lift the rent an eviction moratorium for Los Angeles city. LA County has done so for the end of the year and this continued moratorium has so impacted the small rental property owners. Expenses continue to go up but yet and still we can't increase rents. Inflation is affecting all of us. Please allow us to survive as well. Everything has been for the tenants and small landlords are suffering. Rent increases in Los Angeles city for rent control properties have always been very limited. You cap the amount that we can increase every year. It has been over three years since we've been able to have even a small increase. Please release your strangle hold on the small landlord. If necessary put more regulations on large multifamily buildings. But the small landlords, this is untenable and we cannot continue under this platform. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Mary Neale

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment, I am writing to plead with you to end both the eviction moratorium and the rent increase freeze. These measures have hurt so many small landlords across the City, including me. I, like so many others, live off the income from my property (when there is income). Even prior to COVID, the return on my investment was minimal and my income limited. Since you have imposed these restrictions, I have struggled to make ends meet. The cost of everything has risen - property taxes, insurance, labor, City fees and interest rates - yet I have been unable to recoup any of these skyrocketing costs with no rent increases since 2019. This is an incredible burden that you have put on small landlords. All of my tenants are gainfully employed and have been throughout the pandemic. They are likely getting raises, as wages are rising too. But still small landlords continue to sit and watch our incomes and investments melt away. Not only does the rent freeze affect our incomes, it affects the value of our properties which are generally sold at a multiple of gross rents. When those rents don't rise, and continue to fall substantially below market rates, the value of our properties falls. And when we can no longer afford to keep paying all the rising bills with no commensurate rent increases, we are forced to sell our properties at a discount to developers with deeper pockets who can afford to rehab the buildings, forcing all the tenants out, and then relet them at market rates. This only makes our housing crisis more acute. When PPP loans were being approved, businesses with multifamily housing were excluded for some reason. When the City looked to any industry to saddle with the effects of COVID, you also seem to have singled out owners of multifamily housing. I don't know why we seem to be so targeted, but it has to stop. Aside from the tremendous inequity that you have imposed, you are only going to exacerbate the affordable housing crisis in Los Angeles. This can't go on. Many landlords, like me, just can't hang on much longer. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Ping Ha

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment, It is time for the City's eviction moratorium and rent increase freeze to end. These emergency measures were put in place well over two years ago in response to serious public health and safety concerns. Since that time, significant strides have been made in addressing the virus with the availability of a vaccine and booster shot and through the reopening of the economy with businesses resuming normal operations, with the exception of the rental housing industry. These emergency measures have gone well beyond their intended purpose. Rental housing providers must be permitted to resume normal operations. Nearly all jurisdictions across the nation have recognized these advancements and have ended similar emergency measures. Yet, the City's emergency policies remain unchanged from those that were instituted at the very beginning of this pandemic. Both the eviction moratorium and rent increase freeze must end this year. As a responsible small business rental housing provider, I have faced tremendous financial hardships during the last over two years caused by the City's temporary emergency measures and skyrocketing building and operational costs which continue to rise. I have also struggled to pay numerous City rate and fee increases which have also significantly increased over the last few years. Small business rental housing providers have already started to sell their buildings which will make affordable housing even more limited and will harm entire communities. It is time to end these temporary emergency measures. The City must also thoughtfully consider any permanent housing policies and should not use the unprecedented events of the COVID-19 pandemic to hastily advance permanent regulations that will negatively impact the City's affordable housing. Thank you for your consideration.

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Comments for Public Posting: Members of the Ad Hoc Committee, There's no moratorium on a trash pick up increase. There's also no moratorium on an electricity increase, gas increase, water increase, or property tax increase. Being that utilities and services are allowed to increase their cost to Landlords, allow landlords, who have treated people with dignity and respect to at least raise the rent to cover these expenses. I have a well-maintained building. I would challenge you to ask any of my tenants. I have one tenant paying \$1179 for a two bedroom one bath with balcony and covered parking. You mean to tell me I can't raise 3% plus inflation to cover these expenses? I have another tenant that's in a one bedroom with covered parking paying \$983. As a responsible housing provider, I have been beyond generous to my tenants by keeping their rent low since I purchased my building. With that being said, my wife and I did not purchase our property to run a ministry. It is a business. On one hand, you have people calling in essentially saying landlords are "greedy." In the same breath, these same people when they hear that some of us have kept costs low to make it easier for tenants to pay the rent, the response is "that's your problem, you should've raised the rent." You can't have it both ways! There's an easy and fair fix to this. The city of Los Angeles has checks and balances. Landlords are required to register our rental income each year. Let's not make the possible, impossible. Simply look at the registry that LAHD created. Instead of maintaining the rent freeze for another year, come up with fair market value. Look at our registrations. Anything below fair market value, allow those landlords starting in 2022 to eliminate the rent freeze. Thank you for your consideration.

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recovery and worsen our housing crisis.

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Comments for Public Posting: IT IS A SHAME THA ONE OF THE WORLD’S TOP ECONOMIES IS DRIVING MORE PEOPLE TO THE STREETS OF LA! Your decisions caused citizens, residents and immigrants to lose their jobs during the pandemic. Many of those jobs aren’t coming back, so it is your responsibility to provide food and housing for everyone until you bring all those jobs back. And by those jobs I don’t mean any jobs, but THOSE JOBS we had. You are failing! Get to work! COVID-19 tenant protections prevented more people from falling into homelessness during the pandemic. Now is not the time to end these protections. Now is the time to enact stronger protections to prevent even more people from falling into homelessness. The City must keep emergency protections in place until permanent protections are enacted, including universal just cause protections and a permanent minimum threshold for nonpayment evictions. No expiration without replacement protections. It is especially cruel and inhumane for the City to consider ending emergency protections during the holiday season. Just cause should cover all renters in LA, including single family homes owned by “non-corporate” landlords. Other cities in LA County have enacted universal just cause protections. Why shouldn’t the City? The City’s proposed expansion is insufficient - it will still leave hundreds of thousands of tenants vulnerable to arbitrary no-cause evictions. Every tenant deserves to know why they’re being evicted, regardless of who their landlord is. We need permanent protections for nonpayment of rent, with a reasonable minimum threshold that protects tenants from eviction when they suffer disruptions in their income and allows them time to get back on their feet. We know tenants will continue to suffer from illness, sudden job loss, and other disruptions which will temporarily get in the way of being able to pay rent. Temporary loss of income shouldn’t mean homelessness for those families. The 7-day notice requirement for nonpayment in November and December 2022 is unnecessary and will harm the most vulnerable tenants who may need to rely on the protections the most. Pets and unauthorized occupants who moved in during the pandemic should stay protected. Landlords have the tools they need to address problems if they arise, but we should not hurt families’ chances of staying housed by tearing them apart. The City must enact a codified right to counsel. With

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