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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles City Council President Paul Krekorian Council District 2 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 Via email January 25, 2023 RE: Urgent Need for Council Approval of Tenant Protection Ordinances (CFs 21-0042-S4, 21-0042-S5)

Dear Councilmember Krekorian: Yesterday, the LA City Council Housing and Homelessness Committee discussed two tenant protection ordinances recommended by LAHD to be put in place before the expiration of COVID-19 emergency tenant protections: a policy to require relocation assistance for large rent increases, and a monetary threshold for nonpayment evictions equivalent to one month of the HUD Fair Market Rent for the relevant unit. The Keep LA Housed Coalition stands in strong support of these two proposed ordinances. We appreciate Councilmember Raman's urgency in agendizing these policies in the Housing & Homelessness Committee for a special hearing to ensure the Council can fulfill its commitment to passing permanent tenant protections in advance of the expiration of emergency COVID-19 protections. These policies now stand ready for transmittal to the full City Council so that they may be put in place in advance of the January 31st expiration of emergency protections. We urge you to place these ordinances on the full City Council agenda for Friday, January 27th, to ensure gaps in protections for tenants can be avoided. It is critical that these two ordinances be heard and passed immediately by the full Council; we urge all councilmembers to support the ordinances in their current form. These policies have been discussed by the Committee and the full Council, are consistent with the County's efforts to protect tenants on a permanent basis, and are ready for final approval. While the expanded just cause protections passed last week are extremely important to protect tenants going forward, a comprehensive set of policies must address the issues most urgently threatening to displace renters right now to truly represent a comprehensive set of tenant protections that meets the current moment. Overwhelmingly, renters are most concerned with meeting the City's timelines for repaying COVID debt, incomes that continue to lag behind inflation, and paying the rent going forward to avoid immediate eviction. We call on the entire Council to quickly pass these two ordinances and ensure a comprehensive safety net for renters going forward to build on our success in reducing

increases in homelessness and keeping all Angelenos safe and secure in their homes. Sincerely, Keep LA Housed Coalition Steering Committee Keep LA Housed Steering Committee member organizations: Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment Community Power Collective Eastside LEADS Inner City Law Center InnerCity Struggle Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles Public Counsel Strategic Actions for a Just Economy Tenants Together Los Angeles Community Action Network CC: Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, CD 1 Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, CD 3 Councilmember Nithya Raman, CD 4 Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, CD 5 Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, CD 7 Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, CD 8 Councilmember Curren Price, CD 9 Councilmember Heather Hutt, CD 10 Councilmember Traci Park, CD 11 Councilmember John Lee, CD 12 Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez, CD 13 Councilmember Kevin de Leon, CD 14 Councilmember Tim McOsker, CD 15



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