## **Communication from Public**

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name Lucie and I support a Debt Free Recovery to

Keep LA Housed. We call on city council to process ERAP applications quickly & disperse funds NOW! Tenants have been waiting for months, unsure of when they will receive relief. This is urgent, every day that goes by without relief is stressful, scary, and leaves families, including young children, vulnerable to eviction, violence, and homelessness. Tenants need to get into the system asap so they can access state eviction protections. HCID has reported that the city does not have enough funds to cover the rent that is owed. The city should continue to pressure the state to reallocate money to ensure that all eligible tenants get the full debt relief they were promised. We also need to keep protecting tenants from eviction, or else rent relief will just end up being a massive landlord bailout. An equitable recovery depends on tenants being debt-free. I've seen first hand the almost unbelievable physical violence, threats, and abuse that landlords use to force tenants to self evict while waiting for funds. The funds need to get out ASAP and tenants needs real protections. Extend the eviction moratorium and put a freeze on UD filings.