

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles, we need to have an honest conversation about housing. Rent is already consuming 50% or more of many families' monthly income. People are working full-time, some working two and three jobs, and still struggling to keep a roof over their heads. Yet landlords and property management companies continue to pile on additional fees, RUBS charges, administrative costs, utility pass-throughs, parking fees, pet fees, and every other charge they can find. At what point does it stop? Housing is a basic human need, not a luxury commodity designed to maximize profits at the expense of working families. Every month, thousands of Angelenos are forced to make impossible choices between paying rent, buying groceries, filling prescriptions, or putting gas in their car to get to work. Then we wonder why homelessness continues to rise. The truth is that housing instability doesn't begin when someone ends up on the street. It begins when rent becomes unaffordable. It begins when wages stay the same but housing costs continue to climb. It begins when landlords treat tenants as revenue streams instead of human beings. Working people should not spend their entire lives laboring only to remain one paycheck away from eviction. Seniors should not have to choose between medication and rent. Families should not have to live in fear every month wondering if they can afford another fee added to their housing bill. Greed is contributing to this crisis. If we are serious about addressing homelessness, then we must also address the policies that allow housing costs to spiral out of control. We need stronger tenant protections, greater transparency in rental fees, limits on excessive pass-through charges, and elected leaders willing to stand up for residents instead of special interests. The people of Los Angeles deserve better. It's time for tenants, advocates, community organizations, and working families to come together and demand change. Housing should provide stability, dignity, and opportunity—not poverty, stress, and displacement. Enough is enough. Chivas Mays