

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: --Please oppose the proposed ban on RUBS: Dear Honorable Council Members: Please oppose any proposal to ban the use of Ratio Utility Billing Systems (RUBS) for new tenancies. -RUBS encourages conservation of gas, water and electricity by promoting responsible utility usage. -California continues to face water and energy challenges. Policies should encourage conservation, not discourage it. -Utility costs have increased dramatically, adding to the growing financial burdens on housing providers. -RUBS is a fair and widely-used method of allocating utility costs. -Eliminating RUBS removes an important conversation tool and increases operating costs for rental housing providers. -Additional operational restrictions make housing more difficult and expensive provide. Giving residents a stake in the amount of resources used is the only way to encourage conservation. If they don't pay for these resources, they have no incentive to conserve---they can waste them without any cost. With the increase in density that will impact our city, even more demand will come on line---we need policies to encourage responsible use by the end user of these limited resources. Please reject any proposal that would prohibit RUBS for new tenancies. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Michael Glantz

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Comments for Public Posting: Ban RUBS! As a tenant in Los Angeles, I call on the Los Angeles City Council to vote to ban Ratio Utility Billing Systems, or RUBS, in all housing across this city! Landlords who charge tenants for utilities through RUBS are systematically violating the Rent Stabilization Ordinance and the Tenant Protection Act. Ratio Utility Billing Systems subject tenants to bogus charges and allow landlords to get away with fraud. Imagine paying a costly bill for something you didn't actually use. That, essentially, is the failure that is RUBS. RUBS also poses challenges to consumer protections, dissuades landlords from investing in environmentally-friendly infrastructure or making basic repairs to address waste, and allows landlords to put huge junk fees and other costly fees on our utility bills. This needs to end now. Tenants have the right to transparency, but existing law gives us no way to enforce that right. I urge you to support Debt Collective's proposal for stronger action by the City Council on RUBS.