

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing on behalf of LA Community Action Network. Our understanding with respect to the ULA is the following: From a study last year done by UPenn, there was an estimated 153,000 households behind on rent. 60% of those households were not able to repay the debt by the February 1st deadline earlier this year. We at LACAN noticed that bump with a consistent flow of tenants coming into our office for our legal clinic held almost every week. We found out that 71,429 eviction notices were filed between Feb-Nov 2023, a majority of them for nonpayment of rent. We know that this stream of people unable to pay rent has continued to this day. Tenants requested \$531 million from the ULA rental assistance program. The ULA fund however had only \$30 million available. As a result, thousands of households are left with no options and will face eviction in the coming weeks and months. We need elected leaders to commit to addressing this, starting with but not limited to requesting a report back on possible solutions to address pending rent debt. We know you are concerned about small landlords as well, and for this we suggest we find a way to monetarily support small LL's in REAL NEED (those who are defaulting) AND ALSO those who are not racist, ageist, anti-queer or discriminatory to people with disabilities. We also need to fund projects with contractors that actually care about the unhoused and severely low-income. Please weed out racist contractors who have no care for the unhoused and low-income residents of LA. Thank you for your consideration, Lizette Hernandez, Organizing Director