

Communication from Public

Name: Chad Comey

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Council File No: 23-0479

Comments for Public Posting: City Council: I urge you to vote NO on Council File 23-0479 from CM Traci Park. The Ellis Act is not intended (and explicitly disallows) eviction for the sake of renovation to bring units that were previously rent-controlled up to market rates. Douglas Emmett is exploiting the lax regulation of the Ellis Act to profit by evicting tenants. City Council must condemn Douglas Emmett's action and the City Attorney should disallow this illegal activity. This illegal eviction process will displace hundreds of tenants and increase the cost of housing in LA. This increase will directly contribute to the number of people forced to live on the street due to unaffordable rent. As if in preparation for the public reaction to this predatory biz plan, in Oct 2022 Douglas Emmett contributed \$400k to the victorious election campaign of Traci Park, who is now urging tenants to apply for relocation assistance from the LA Housing Department. This is convenience and dare I say, corruption by lobbyists at its finest. Douglas Emmett is trying to set a dangerous precedent which other high -rise landlords will exploit, using the Ellis Act to evict tenants in order to bring prices up to market rate. None of this has to happen. In November 2022, the people of LA voted to approve and fund new programs at the LAHD to protect the kind of rent-controlled housing found at Barrington Plaza and prevent evictions like those Douglas Emmett is attempting. These programs were authorized under ULA which will raise as much as \$600m for the LAHD, \$62m of which is explicitly for this year's acquisition and rehabilitation of old apartment buildings. The city should acquire Barrington Plaza, renovate the building while minimizing long-term displacement, and ensure the housing remains affordable for people into the future. The only public housing project in Council District 11 is in Mar Vista Gardens. Please vote NO on Council File 23-0479. Sincerely, Chad Comey

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Name: Michael

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Comments for Public Posting: City Council: I urge you to vote NO on Council File 23-0479 from CM Traci Park. With this motion, Park is enabling one of the largest mass evictions in LA history, at Barrington Plaza. Not coincidentally, this mass eviction is being carried out by the same multi-billion dollar real estate investment trust that bankrolled Traci Park's campaign for City Council: Douglas Emmett. Douglas Emmett has been wanting to evict these tenants for years. After spending an astonishing \$566,000 to install their anti-tenant puppet in office, now is their chance. Tenants have suffered through three deadly fires over the years because Douglas Emmett refused to install sprinklers. Under city rules, they are supposed to help relocate tenants during sprinkler installation and allow them to return later to units still under rent control. Instead, they are using the controversial Ellis Act to take all 712 rental units off the market so they can turn them into condos or rent them again at market rate in 5 years. And what's Traci's response? An offensive motion granting Douglas Emmett a green light on their mass eviction. Traci Park is showing her true colors with this motion. She stands with greedy corporate landlords and against renters. She stands for gentrification and displacement and against her constituents. We are facing an unprecedented homelessness crisis. With this motion, Traci is saying it's okay to take away housing from hundreds of CD11 residents who won't be able to afford any other unit in this city. Please vote NO on Council File 23-0479. Sincerely, Michael