

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Lauren Y with DSA-LA, and I'm a renter from district 1. Please vote no on Councilmember Lee's motion to allow for some landlords to raise the rent by an additional 1%. This Council already voted to update LARSO to make it fair to tenants and landlords, and this motion would derail that. The Housing Department is on record stating it has no reliable way of knowing who is a small landlord, and this motion would allow savvy landlords of all sizes to exploit it and raise the rent on already struggling tenants. In a recent report on corporatization of the housing stock, LAHD details how seemingly mom and pop landlords could really hold hundreds of units due to LLC structures-- one "natural person" held 864 units. There would be no way to stop landlords with hundreds of units from exploiting this motion. More importantly, it is unfair to a tenant, who has no control over the size of their landlord, to be subjected to another 1% increase yearly. A 1% difference can make a huge difference for tenants' livelihood while it would not meaningfully effect a landlord's bottom line. Plus, there are many ways for truly struggling landlords to get relief under LARSO and its proposed revisions. LARSO needs to be voted on and implemented before February when most tenants receive rent increases-- this motion would derail that timeline and subject countless tenants to unfair and unnecessary rent increases. Please vote no on this motion. Thank you.