

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Rent increases have been outpacing wage growth for many years.
We need to do everything we can to help affordability for renters.

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Name: Paul Suarez

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Paul Suarez with DSA-LA from district 13. I have lived in Hollywood for 10 years and am terrified about the possibility of moving for whatever reason. My income is LESS stable now than when I moved in in 2015. My rent has increased EVERY year. The Rent Stabilization Ordinance is an incredibly important law that helps keep millions of Angelenos stably housed. But the rent increases allowed right now are too high and unaffordable for Angelenos who are already struggling to make the rent. I urge the City Council to adopt Keep LA Housed's demands for the RSO formula: -Rent increases based on 60% CPI All Items. -A cap of 3% with no floor. -No rent banking. -No bumps for utilities and additional occupants. Every extra percentage point is less money for tenants to spend on other necessities like food, medical care, transportation and childcare. The average rent for a unit in a small RSO property is \$2,357 - that means a renter would need to make nearly six figures a year - \$94,000 - to stay within the recommended 30% rent-to-income ratio. Rent, even in RSO units, is already deeply unaffordable-- it cannot keep going up at the rate currently allowed. These are fair, common-sense changes that will ultimately benefit all Angelenos. We need this update immediately--new rent increases go into effect in July and we can't afford any more increases under the current formula. The City Council must vote now to update the RSO with a new formula to keep Angelenos housed. Thank you, Paul Suarez

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Name: Johnny H.

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I strongly urge City Council to APPROVE the updated LARSO for stronger rent control to better protect tenants in these economically trying times. This administration poses a multitude of threats to renters, making them increasingly vulnerable to missing their rent payments and becoming at risk of eviction. The passage of Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill" is going to strain families, seniors, and Angelenos with disabilities, who will need to find ways to make up for their loss of Medicaid and SNAP benefits. Recent ICE raids have terrorized and seized many individuals, who are not just essential to the vibrant economy of Los Angeles, but are breadwinners for their families, who will now face housing precarity because of the swift and unjust hand of the state. Ongoing international trade wars and tariffs (set practically on the daily whims of the President, at no fault of the ordinary constituent) are increasing the costs of everyday items. How will renters in this city cope with the inflation on top of so much economic insecurity and cuts to crucial life-saving programs? Whereas the federal government is so apt to protect the interests of the wealthy elite at the expense of the rest, LA can be a municipality that protects and enrich the lives of working people. Stronger tenant protection is long overdue, even more so in our current national climate. Let's be a city that can take the right step to protecting our neighbors. Vote YES on a new LARSO!
Sincerely, -- Johnny H.