

Communication from Public

Name: Cheryl Matthews

Date Submitted: 07/22/2025 08:10 AM

Council File No: 23-1134

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Cheryl Matthews with Inner City Law Center from LA City District 14. 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. Most of my clients will be unable to stay in their homes if the rent continues to increase at the current rate, including the 10% additional occupant charge. These rent policies affect my decision on whether to move from Inglewood into the City of LA. 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.
Regards, Cheryl Matthews

Communication from Public

Name: David Campbell Smith

Date Submitted: 07/22/2025 08:40 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am requesting that rent increases be capped at no more than 3% each year, and that the utility and additional occupancy rent increases be removed from the LARSO ordinance.

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Name: Henry Gayler

Date Submitted: 07/22/2025 08:47 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Henry Gayler from district 34. 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. If my rent increases, it will be difficult to continue to live and work in Los Angeles. Rents are high enough as is, and landlords are making enough passive income off of working residents trying to make ends meet. 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.