

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Please provide relief for working class and struggling families. Many of us live one or two paychecks away from being unhoused because the rent in Los Angeles keeps going up. The RSO laws are some of the only protections for us, and it no longer enough. We need: 1. Universal rent control: This involves enacting rent control policies that apply to all rental units, regardless of building age or type, and potentially includes vacancy control to prevent landlords from significantly raising rents between tenants. We must repeal the laws that currently limit rent control, such as California's Costa-Hawkins Act. 2. Create and expand social housing, which is publicly owned and democratically controlled, permanently affordable, and available to everyone regardless of income or race. This may involve: 3. Converting existing properties to social housing, potentially through community land trusts or tenant opportunity to purchase policies. 4. Investing in new construction of social housing, potentially financed through public banks and low-interest loans. Repealing laws like the Faircloth Amendment that restrict the construction of new public housing. 5. Tenant protections that empower tenants, including: Universal tenants' bills of rights that include the right to renew leases, organize tenant unions, and access free legal counsel in housing court. Expanding just cause eviction protections, meaning landlords can only evict tenants for specific, legally defined reasons. Mandating increased accessibility requirements for new constructions and making funds available to remodel existing housing for low-income and disabled individuals. Canceling rent debt to provide immediate relief from the COVID-19 economic crisis. Thank you for your service to the most vulnerable members of our community.