

Communication from Public

Name: Adam Smith

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Adam with LA CAN and live in Council District 11. 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. A primary cause of homelessness is rent costs that exceed what tenants can pay. Studies have shown a \$100 increase in median rent correlates with a 9% increase in homelessness. Anyone who takes the housing crisis seriously, which is a crisis of housing affordability, housing availability, and poverty, must speak and act from a moral place, not a politically convenient place, to keep people in their homes, to prioritize permanent housing, and to stop using criminalization to hide poverty, erase people and cause a city wide genocide. 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. I am standing with tenants from the 17 buildings recently purchased by Hope For An Affordable LA (HALA) who submitted a letter regarding conditions in the buildings. The letter was emailed on June 3, 2025, to all LA City Councilmembers, the LA Mayor, Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), Housing Authority of the City Los Angeles, HALA, Hart District Management and Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. Our demands are: Immediate, on-site, lawful mail delivery for all 15 occupied buildings. No more excuses. Restoration of 24/7 security—not armed thugs, not intimidation, but real, tenant-protective presence—across the HALA portfolio. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Claire Fitzpatrick

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Claire with Safe Place for Youth in Venice, 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. The wages I receive from work to help my community will not cover my rent if my rent increases. Furthermore, I work with homeless and at risk youth that struggle to make their rent as it is or need more affordable housing options 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.