

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is edna monroy, I'm from SAJE, and I live in Council district 9. I'd like to comment on item 13 and general public comment. On item 13, I urge the committee to adopt the motion introduced by Councilmembers Hutt and Rodriguez. We shouldn't be allowing landlords to use software to artificially set rent prices. This type of software, such as the kind used by the company RealPage, is being investigated by the federal and state governments as collusion to fix prices. Next, I urge the Council to agendize and adopt changes to the permanent LARSO rent increase formula. Hundreds of thousands of tenants are about to get 4-6% rent increases for February based on the old formula. No tenants should get this increase when the reason is the City's own delays in acting to update the formula. Tenants demand that City Council act urgently to update LARSO. We demand: 1) An annual increase formula based on 60% of CPI with a limit of 3%, and no floor, 2) Removal of the utility bump, 3) Elimination of additional occupant increases, 4) No rent banking, and 5) That the formula applies equally to all owners, regardless of their size. On top of rents already being unaffordable, now thousands more tenants have lost their homes or jobs due to the devastating wildfires in LA. Therefore, I support the emergency motion from Councilmembers Hernandez and Soto Martinez to freeze rents and provide additional eviction protections to tenants impacted by the fires. LA City needs to hit pause on our eviction system before we allow even more displacement and homelessness to result from the fires. Thank you. em