

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: We need to cap the rent. This city should have a healthy working class.

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Clyde with LA CAN from district 14. LARSO is an incredibly important law that helps keep millions of Angelenos stably housed. Nevertheless, it's still too high. As a retired teacher, earning the median income in LA of \$60,000, I receive a 2% annual pension increase, or \$100, about \$83 after taxes. 4% of \$2000, my current rent, is \$80. I can expect that increase like clockwork. 96% of my COLA is eaten up by the annual allowable rent increase. You KNOW inflation isn't going to stop in all other areas of existence, AND it's 2-4% historically. I'm LOSING money annually. I dutifully served Southern California, and this nation teaching history, government, and economics for 25 years to contribute to society and to our futures, and you'd think that a 25 year pension and a median income would be adequate for my very meager lifestyle. But the rent is already 40% of my income, and \$2,000 in 2025 is LOW for a 2 bedroom. I could live comfortably for quite a while even at \$3,000 per month (cause I'm just that damn frugal), but I'm proactive and don't want to feed greed, and so to escape this race to the bottom of human depravity, and the pressure from my greedy landlord to oust me and jack the asking price up, my next choice of living arrangements is a van. What a system. "Free enterprise"—I've got "options". Ain't "freedom" grand. A primary cause of homelessness is rent costs that exceed what even able bodied professionals can pay, yet you want to rid downtown of people living in tents cause it's not pretty. "Not good for business". Studies have shown a \$100 increase in median rent correlates with a 9% increase in homelessness, and yet you KNOW how inflationary rent is! This was a statement from LA CAN I fully support: "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." Assisting the extermination of a group of people through various tactics is genocide. Tactics which have been disguised. I mean, Gazas educating all of us, isn't it? If you're brave enough to not look away. What I've seen of our cities response to this crisis falls right in line with at least one of the 1948 Geneva Convention

guidelines for genocide. Among actions that constitute genocide, “deliberately inflicting conditions of life calculated to bring about physical destruction”. Just a few years back, just 3-4 died per day on skid row. Now it’s 6 per day. I know intent is hard to prove, but I think it’s there. It’s your intention to attract developers and to get elected/appointed, it’s at least, LESS to support regular folk, like me or those who are more marginalized. How many billions has LAHSA squandered, according to judge Carter? He called LAHSAs waste and fraud, “criminal”, and two audits supported that. I’m not saying you’re all heartless. I know you’re not. We’re all a mixed bag, aren’t we? But in my 62 years of life, I have watched authoritarianism and the cold hearted “businessman” rise up and above the social scientist, who was heralded in the decade of my birth, the 60s—You may not be aware of this, but the humanities were deeply aspirational then by a majority. Now they’re gutted and we’re getting dumber and more dependent on tyrants. “Humanities?” What’s that!? I have been aware of the Powell memo (1971) and its fundamental clarion call to resist the assault on the giver of prosperity, the business community, for a few decades now, but never read it. I read it in full this morning, and it was enlightening. A full-on program was launched in his roadmap, urging the US Chamber of Commerce to coordinate an assault on academia, media, and legal arms just so they could be “heard”—read, their greedy paradigm had no logical basis and wasn’t getting traction. Society was being “brainwashed by leftists in universities, in the media, and in the courts”—so the “concerned” Powell lamented! Jerome Powell was appointed to the Supreme Court by Nixon, confirmed by the Senate in December, just 3 months after he wrote the memo. Guess Nixon “got the memo”. Maybe the day has come that we take a stand and say, “no more!”. That we recognize the half century assault of business on every institution and decent intention of decent folks that this memo encouraged and push back against the money making, profit oriented, wolves in sheep’s clothing, and reverse this wicked course. To begin reversing this hate filled poison that has infected this nation, 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. Thank You

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Name: Ann Dorsey

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to take immediate action to retroactively revise the July 2025 Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (LARSO) rent increase with the following changes: the increase is capped at 3% with no floor percentage and no additional increases if the landlord pays for the utilities or if more people are living there. The Housing Department found the current rent formula to be unfair to tenants. It would be unacceptable for it to be used another year. Los Angeles renters are struggling financially to pay rent. They would need to earn \$48 per hour or nearly 3x the minimum wage to afford average rent, more than half are rent-burdened (pay more than 30% of their income on rent) and many are just one rent hike away from losing their home. Santa Monica, Cudahy, West Hollywood and Unincorporated LA County have implemented 3% caps on rent increases without harming the housing market. LA City should be consistent with these cities. There is no justification for a floor percentage increase. Any floor is arbitrary and subjects tenants to unnecessarily high and compounding rent increases. The Economic Roundtable report showed from 2010-2020, the average rents of RSO units increased 34.6% while CPI increased 23.3% in that same timeframe. Another finding of the Economic Roundtable report is the 1-2% utility bump for gas and electricity greatly exceeds the actual cost of providing those utilities, allowing an extra \$12 million a year in annual rent increases for RSO units. This increase should be removed. A 10% increase for each additional occupant is not found in other RSOs and punishes tenants for having children or taking care of older parents, which is unfair and unjustified. Rent increases are a key driver of homelessness with a \$100 increase in rent leading to a 9% rise in homelessness. If the City Council is really serious about reducing homelessness, they will retroactively revise the July 2025 Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance rent increase so it is capped at 3% with no floor percentage and no additional increases if the landlord pays for the utilities or if more people are living there. Thank you