

Communication from Public

Name: Sabrina

Date Submitted: 08/03/2025 04:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a resident of CD1 and a tenant in a rent stabilized building. The council has an opportunity to stand on the side of the majority of Angelenos, who are tenants, and who deserve to live with dignity in this great city! As we all know, the rent is too damn high. Tenants like myself spend the majority of our income on rent, meaning that we have less and less for other essentials and to enjoy life in Los Angeles. 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 based on the old formula just went into effect in July and we can't afford these higher rents. The City Council must vote now to update the RSO with a new formula to keep Angelenos housed. Thank you.

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Name: Andie Yamada

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Name: Amy Huynh

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Name: Trevor Resnikoff

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Comments for Public Posting: Unfortunately for Angelenos, another budget year has passed without much relief to renters. Effective as of July 1, 2025, many households may now experience a rent hike between 3-5% in the coming months. Enough is enough: we need to keep L.A. housed! In a city where the majority of residents are renters, the rent burden just keeps getting worse. More than 30% of Asian American renters in Los Angeles are facing severe housing cost burdens, and end up spending more than half of their income on rent alone [1]. As ICE raids increasingly target Asian businesses and households [2, 3], immigrant families will experience even more housing insecurity with few resources available to help them. The LA City Council continues to delay the vote on housing reforms that would protect housing stability for working and middle-class families [4]. These reforms would update an outdated rent stabilization ordinance that currently gives power to the landlords, instead of the people. Housing is a human right. For those of us who have made Los Angeles our home, we have to protect one another and keep our communities safe. CAP THE RENT NOW! KEEP LA HOUSED! Sources: [1] Many Asian American Renters Are Struggling to Pay for Housing (Center for Economic and Policy Research, May 2024) [2] ICE raids quiet SoCal's Asian hubs (LAist, June 2025) [3] ICE enforcement affects Vietnamese, Cambodian communities in SoCal (LA Public Press, July 2025) [4] LA City Council File 23-1134: Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) annual allowable rent increase (Last Updated: June 2025)