

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers: The Keep LA Housed Coalition (KLAH) submits this letter regarding the formula for annual rental increases under the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (LARSO). Keep LA Housed is a coalition of organizations that formed during the COVID-19 pandemic to advocate for stronger tenant rights across Los Angeles County. Rent stabilized tenants in Los Angeles were already facing a rent affordability crisis. Then the fires came. As a result, thousands of tenants have lost their homes, their jobs, and their entire communities. Those who did not lose their homes will likely face even higher rent increases as the newly displaced drive up housing costs as they seek new housing of their own.² The City Council must take strong and decisive action to support and protect our devastated communities by providing Angelenos an updated LARSO formula that will keep them safely housed. The Los Angeles Housing Department has made a number of recommended changes to the LARSO rent increase formula.³ However, these changes do not go far enough to protect tenants during this emergency, or in the future. Keep LA Housed proposes the following updates to LARSO annual allowable rent increase formula: 1) Set the annual allowable rent increase at 60% of the change in the Consumer Price Index All-Items (CPI All Items) or 3%, whichever is lower (3%/60% CPI formula); 2) No floor on minimum annual rent increases; 3) No 1 to 2 % rent increase bumps for landlords providing gas or electrical utilities to tenants; 4) No 10% rent increases for additional occupants; 5) No rent banking for landlords during high inflationary years; 6) No exemptions for small landlords.

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Christy Lambertson with LA Forward from 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. 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.