

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Lilliana Olivares, and I serve as the Homelessness Initiatives Coordinator at UWGLA. I am writing on behalf of twenty-five homeless service and housing providers to express strong support for the recommendations outlined in the attached letter regarding the RSO motion 23-1134. We urge the Committee to consider the following key points from the letter: 1) Adopt a formula that balances landlord increases, while safeguarding tenants from excessive rent hikes that can lead to housing instability or homelessness. 2) Strengthen enforcement mechanisms to ensure landlords comply with the ordinance and tenants are aware of their rights. 3) Protect tenants from harassment and retaliation, especially those who are at risk of homelessness or are currently receiving supportive services. These changes are not just policy improvements; they are life-saving interventions. We urge the Committee to adopt the recommendations outlined and continue to center the voices of those most impacted by housing instability.



October 24, 2025

City of Los Angeles

200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File 23-1134: Economic Roundtable / Economic Study / Annual Rent Increase / Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) / Sole-Source Contract

Honorable Councilmembers,

We write to voice our strong support for the Keep LA Housed recommendations to update the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO). Specifically, we urge you to adopt a formula that:

- Caps annual rent increases at **3% with no floor**;
- Bases increase on **60% of CPI**; and
- **Does not include rent banking or passthroughs** for utilities or additional occupants.

As homeless service providers, housing providers, and advocates, our mission is to help Angelenos transition out of homelessness through housing and supportive services. Prevention is central to that mission. Updating the RSO formula in this way would be one of the most impactful, non-monetary investments the City could make to reduce inflow into homelessness. Economic hardship remains the leading cause of housing loss<sup>1</sup>, with studies showing that rent increases of just \$100 can increase homelessness by 9%<sup>2</sup>. This formula directly affects the economic stability of more than 1.5 million renters in Los Angeles, including particularly vulnerable populations like seniors on fixed incomes and multi-generational families.

<sup>1</sup> National Alliance to End Homelessness. The State of Homelessness: 2025 Edition.  
<https://endhomelessness.org/state-of-homelessness/>

<sup>2</sup> *ibid.*

Older adults are the fastest growing population of people experiencing homelessness. One in six older renter households in the state is facing unaffordable rents, forcing them to choose between paying for rent, food, healthcare, and other basic needs.<sup>3</sup> Unhoused youth and families often couchsurf and double up to make ends meet, taking in peers and friends as they face economic hardships. The RSO should not unnecessarily create a floor for rental increases or allow landlords to increase rent when struggling Angelenos help their community through hard times by doubling up.

Los Angeles has made significant headway in the last several years, achieving system-wide reductions in homelessness in the previous two years. But our work is at a critical juncture, and we are set to face unprecedented reductions in funding from all levels of government:

- **\$303 million** in anticipated County shortfalls;
- At least **\$70 million** in reductions to City HHAP funds from the State;
- Over **\$200 million** in Federal disinvestment from permanent housing; and
- Roughly **\$190 million** in unmet needs for emergency housing vouchers.

This more than **half-billion-dollar gap** threatens not only our ability to bring additional unhoused individuals and families indoors, but also puts the stability of thousands who have already exited homelessness at risk.

As the City confronts these fiscal cliffs, the moment to prevent stably housed Angelenos from entering homelessness becomes more urgent. Updating the RSO to align with Keep LA Housed recommendations will provide a vital upstream protection, strengthen the foundation of our services system, and help Los Angeles weather the difficult years ahead.

Sincerely,

The People Concern	PATH	HOPICS
Union Station Homeless Services	LA Family Housing	Brilliant Corners
Downtown Women’s Center	Safe Place for Youth	JOVENES
United Way of Greater Los Angeles	Hope the Mission	Public Council
Harbor Interfaith	ASENCIA	LA Forward
Friends in Deed	SAJE	ACT LA
Fathers and Mothers with Children	Harbor Connects	TRUST South LA
California Native Vote Project	Inclusive Action	Liberty Hill Foundation
Venice Community Housing	Inner City Law Center	

<sup>3</sup> Justice in Aging. California’s Older Low-Income Renters Continue to Be Squeezed by Housing Unaffordability and Face a Growing Threat of Aging Into Homelessness. March 13, 2024.  
<https://justiceinaging.org/california-older-renters-unaffordability-homelessness/>