

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bryan Minor

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2024 10:22 AM

**Council File No:** 23-1134

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Bryan Minor. I am speaking on agenda item 26 on the agenda, and giving general public comment. I urge the City Council to vote on LARSO updates that will keep our friends and family in their homes. I am demanding: 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 increase 4) That the formula applies equally to all owners, regardless of their size. A coalition of more than 100 organizations in Los Angeles supports these updates and the Economic Roundtable report supports our demands too. Please vote to make rent increases under LARSO the most protective of tenants possible. In addition, I am here to urge all City Council members to vote YES on agenda item 26. We need a Tenant-Anti-Harassment ordinance that works as intended. Thank you to Councilmember Raman for all your leadership and thanks to all Councilmembers who have supported the amendments. The majority of Angelenos are rent burdened and over half of renter households in poverty spend over 90 percent of their household income for rent. A primary cause of homelessness is rent costs that exceed what tenants can pay. Studies have shown a \$100 increase in median rent correlates with a 9% increase in homelessness. Renters in Los Angeles need to earn \$48 per hour or nearly 3x the minimum wage to afford average rent. LARSO's 8% cap on annual increases is several percentage points higher than a majority of RSOs in California. Santa Monica, Cudahy, and West Hollywood all have 3% caps and Unincorporated LA County will have a 3% cap by the end of the year. LA City should be consistent with these cities. Tenants cannot afford rent increases above 3%. I'm a LARSO tenant and my rent is too high .... (for example, I will not be able to stay in my home with the rent increasing at the current rate, the 10% additional occupant increase makes me unable to take in my sick parents, I have a small landlord and can't afford the increases allowed now, etc.) Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeo

**Date Submitted:** 10/28/2024 03:07 PM

**Council File No:** 23-1134

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is \_\_\_Jeo\_\_\_\_. I am speaking on agenda item 26 on the agenda, and giving general public comment. I urge the City Council to vote on LARSO updates that will keep our friends and family in their homes. I am demanding: 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 increase 4) That the formula applies equally to all owners, regardless of their size. A coalition of more than 100 organizations in Los Angeles supports these updates and the Economic Roundtable report supports our demands too. Please vote to make rent increases under LARSO the most protective of tenants possible. In addition, I am here to urge all City Council members to vote YES on agenda item 26. We need a Tenant-Anti-Harassment ordinance that works as intended. Thank you to Councilmember Raman for all your leadership and thanks to all Councilmembers who have supported the amendments. I was harassed and intimidated by owners as they used sheriffs to come to my unit with false accusation once I did not agree to their request to vacate with out proper legal notice and/or relocation. It escalated to the point of agreeing to a "cash for keys" for a very low amount of cash that was gone in a very short time in temporary housing. With a Tenant Anti Harassment Ordinance tenants have a chance to fight back and stay housed. I'm a LARSO tenant and my rent is too high. I will not be able to stay in my home with the rent increasing at the current rate, the 10% additional occupant increase makes me unable to take in my sick parents, I can't afford the increases allowed now, etc.) Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** felipe Alfonso escobar

**Date Submitted:** 10/30/2024 09:08 AM

**Council File No:** 23-1134

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Felipe Escobar. I am writing regarding agenda item 26 on the agenda, and giving general public comment. I urge the City Council to vote on LARSO updates that will keep our friends and family in their homes. I am demanding: 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 increase 4) That the formula applies equally to all owners, regardless of their size. A coalition of more than 100 organizations in Los Angeles supports these updates and the Economic Roundtable report supports our demands too. Please vote to make rent increases under LARSO the most protective of tenants possible. In addition, I urge all City Council members to vote YES on agenda item 26. We need a Tenant-Anti-Harassment ordinance that works as intended. Thank you to Councilmember Raman for all your leadership and thanks to all Councilmembers who have supported the amendments. We ask you to please recommit to voting YES ON TAHO! We need a stronger TAHO ordinance to keep tenants housed and protected.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ursula Wagner

**Date Submitted:** 10/30/2024 01:45 PM

**Council File No:** 23-1134

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Ursula Wagner. I am writing about agenda item 26 on the agenda; and giving general public comment. I urge the City Council to vote on LARSO updates that will keep our friends and families in their homes. I am demanding: 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 increase, and 4) That the formula applies equally to all owners, regardless of their size. A coalition of more than 100 organizations in Los Angeles supports these updates and the Economic Roundtable report supports our demands too. Please vote to make rent increase under LARSO the most protective of tenants possible. In addition, I am urging all City Council members to vote YES on agenda item 26. We need a Tenant-Anti-Harassment ordinance that works as intended. Also, a 10% increase for each additional occupant is not found in other RSOs and discourages growing one's family and taking in struggling loved ones. Please take a moment, take a deep breath, now put yourselves in our shoes. How would you want to be treated if the tables were turned? Thank you to Councilmembers who have supported the amendments. We ask you to please recommit to voting YES ON TAHO! We need a stronger TAHO ordinance to keep tenants housed and protected. I thank you all in advance, for taking the time to read our petitions, as we await your thoughtful replies. THANK YOU!!!! Continued blessings, Ursula Wagner