

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ashley Brim

**Date Submitted:** 11/03/2025 10:58 AM

**Council File No:** 23-1134

**Comments for Public Posting:** The housing crisis and unaffordability crisis in LA is causing more and more folks to lose their housing. Our rent control formula allows rent hikes to outpace inflation. But there's no such wage control formula to ensure that LA's worker wages even keep up with inflation. Therefore, LARSO must be changed immediately to cap rent increases, remove unfair add-ons for utilities or extra tenants, and eliminate the floor that forces automatic rent hikes — even when inflation is low. As a renter, I'm poised to see my trash collection fee double this year. My electrical costs have skyrocketed since I first moved into my rent controlled apartment (one with no central air, thin walls, and windows that leak) 10 years ago due to climate change. We must protect renters - keeping us housed is the best way to prevent homelessness. I urge the City Council to adopt Keep LA Housed's demands for the RSO formula to: 1) Cap increases at 60% CPI or 3% with no minimum increase and 2) Get rid of unfair additional increases for utilities and extra occupants. Every extra percentage point is less money for tenants to spend on other necessities like food, medical care, transportation, and childcare. Please take meaningful action before the next rent hikes take effect.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeff Graves

**Date Submitted:** 11/03/2025 11:10 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Council File Number: 23-1134 - Rent Stabilization Ordinance Los Angeles is overdue for a revision to the rent control formula - one that truly protects working Angelenos! LA Housing and Homelessness Committee should support our communities by supporting a stronger rent control and push this popular movement through to the finish line - It is time to CAP THE RENT! Why This Matters: LA's rent control formula hasn't been updated in nearly 40 years. The current formula allows rent hikes that far outpace inflation, pushing more tenants into crisis. LARSO must be changed immediately to cap rent increases, remove unfair add-ons for utilities or extra tenants, and eliminate the floor that forces automatic rent hikes — even when inflation is low. LA's housing crisis won't wait. We need this to move through city council before next February's rent increases impact the majority of renters across the city in order to stop more working Angelenos from being displaced. This is a huge opportunity for the City to show it supports its working families who are already STRUGGLING to survive in one of the nation's MOST EXPENSIVE CITIES to live in! Please vote to SUPPORT A RENT CAP! Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ben Testani

**Date Submitted:** 11/03/2025 11:31 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The rent control formula has not been updated in nearly four decades. In that time, rents have skyrocketed and landlords have become wealthier than ever. The current, outdated formula allows for rent hikes that far outpace inflation and must be changed immediately to cap rent increases, remove unfair add-ons for utilities or extra tenants, and eliminate the floor that forces automatic rent hikes even when inflation is low.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Garrett Braren

**Date Submitted:** 11/03/2025 12:03 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Garrett Braren, a resident from district 13. I am giving general public comment. 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 to - Cap increases at 60% CPI or 3% with no minimum increase - Get rid of unfair additional increases for utilities and extra occupants. Every extra percentage point is less money for tenants to spend on other necessities like food, medical care, transportation, and childcare. Right now my two adult sons in their 20s cannot afford to live close to family in the city where they were born. We need the formula updated immediately; we can't afford any more increases under the current formula. The City Council must vote now to update the RSO with a new formula to keep Angelenos housed. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/03/2025 02:53 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rent increases allowed under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance are too high and unaffordable for Angelenos who are already struggling to make rent. I urge the City Council to adopt Keep LA Housed's demands for the RSO formula as soon as possible.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth Givens

**Date Submitted:** 11/03/2025 05:05 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Housing in LA is increasingly unaffordable. LA City Council needs to use all tools at its disposal to ensure affordable housing is available for all Angelenos. Capping LARSO at 3% is one of those tools.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Collin

**Date Submitted:** 11/03/2025 05:08 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing as a renter in Los Angeles who's watched the cost of living rise faster than anyone can keep up with. Every year, my rent goes up, even when my income doesn't. I see neighbors forced to move out of the city, friends sleeping in their cars, and families doubling up in one-bedroom apartments just to make it work. LA is a renters' city — most of us rent, and most of us live in rent-stabilized homes. But the current formula under LARSO isn't protecting us. It's been forcing tenants to pay thousands more than we should, making it harder to afford groceries, gas, and healthcare. It's painful to know that something meant to keep people housed is now part of what's pushing people out. We're told landlords need these increases to cover costs, but the truth is rents have risen far beyond inflation, while wages haven't. Cities like Santa Monica and West Hollywood have fairer caps — around 3% — and their housing markets are still stable. There's no reason LA can't do the same. The 8% cap, the 3% floor, and the extra "utility bumps" are unnecessary and unfair. A 10% increase for adding a family member or caring for an elder is cruel and completely disconnected from what tenants are actually facing. If this formula doesn't change soon, another round of rent hikes will hit people already on the edge. We can't wait until next year. Every delay means more people losing their homes. Please — update LARSO now. Lower the cap, remove the floor, and stop the extra bumps. Tenants deserve stability, dignity, and the chance to stay in the city we call home.