

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Angela Birdsong. I am giving written comment on Agenda Item #35. I am a housing rights organizer for Los Angeles Community Action Network better known as LA CAN. I work in Council District 14, and I reside in the city of Inglewood, a close neighbor of the city of Los Angeles, and I am a landlord in Hermosa Beach. Please vote no on Councilmember Lee's motion to allow for some landlords to raise the rent by an additional 1%. This Council already voted to update LARSO to make it fair to tenants and landlords, and this motion would derail that. The Housing Department is on record stating it has no reliable way of knowing who is a small landlord, and this motion would allow savvy landlords of all sizes to exploit it and raise the rent on already struggling tenants. In a recent report on corporatization of the housing stock, LAHD details how seemingly mom and pop landlords could really hold hundreds of units due to LLC structures-- one "natural person" held 864 units. There would be no way to stop landlords with hundreds of units from exploiting this motion. More importantly, it is unfair to a tenant, who has no control over the size of their landlord, to be subjected to another 1% increase yearly. A 1% difference can make a huge difference for tenants' livelihood while it would not meaningfully effect a landlord's bottom line. Plus, there are many ways for truly struggling landlords to get relief under LARSO and its proposed revisions. LARSO needs to be voted on and implemented before February when most tenants receive rent increases-- this motion would derail that timeline and subject countless tenants to unfair and unnecessary rent increases. Please vote no on this motion. Also I am standing with tenants from the 21 buildings purchased by Hope For An Affordable LA (HALA) regarding conditions in the buildings. A letter was emailed on June 3, 2025, to all LA City Councilmembers, the LA Mayor, Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), Housing Authority of the City Los Angeles, HALA, Hart District Management and Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. Our demands are: 1. Immediate, on-site, lawful mail delivery for all 19 occupied buildings. No more excuses.?? 2. Restoration of 24/7 security—not armed thugs, not intimidation, but real, tenant-protective presence—across the HALA portfolio. Thank you.