

Before I start let me just say that if Paul Karorian and Curren Price were not allowed to vote on any landlord/tenant legislation because it's a conflict of interest then it surely was a conflict of interest for Hugo Soto-Martinez to have previously stood here and held up his Lease Agreement as an exhibit to his argument on an issue. In fact any vote that he has given or legislation that he has put forth regarding landlord/tenant laws would be a conflict of interest and any other councilperson who is a renter because they benefit from the legislation that they're voting on.

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This is distressing because for years I had attempted to give you balanced and constructive information but you've continued to take your cues from extremist that claim to be tenant advocates but are really advocates for themselves to get funding for themselves because homelessness has become big business and everybody wants their cut and they prey on your need to make a name for yourself so you can stay in the political game even if it means creating harmful legislation that doesn't solve problems but actually create new ones.

You can't solve housing problems by destroying the people that you need to provide housing and that is what you have done and continue to do with a complete disregard for the fact that we're people too. People that have worked hard and made sacrifices. I didn't inherit anything and Nobody gave me anything. I worked and labored for it but now you want to force me to work to absorb all of societies ills and pay the price for choices that other grown people made. At what point do grown people become responsible for the choices they made and stop blaming someone who had nothing to do with it.

I don't remember a time when I wasn't helping someone that didn't check all the boxes and needed someone to take a chance on them but I can't do that anymore because you keep telling them that they're a victim and I'm the enemy; the very person that gave them keys when no one else would. I have PTSD from being a landlord because you believe abusing me and people like me is good for your brand.

Why would anybody keep doing this where they're responsible for everything and everybody but have no rights themselves? I have nothing left to give. I'm broke and my body is beat up from trying to help and being spit on with your foolishness. You have legislated all of the empathy out of me by creating this war and assault on housing providers when we in fact need some protections ourselves.

We have targets on our backs with no help and no one looking out for us and face abuses like no other industry despite the fact that we are overlooked essential workers and essential providers far more than your highlighted fast food worker.

I actually had to go inside peoples unit during the pandemic to do repairs and ensure they had hot water while people were squatting and squandering money you gave them with no questions asked. And still, I'm view as the enemy expected to keep working and paying for everything for grown people that I didn't give birth to. It's not just unfair; it's unsustainable.

You can't pay a million dollars for a house in the hood that once cost \$200,000.00 and expect rents to be at 1990 prices.

If you can still get property insurance, a policy that was \$3400 last year, now cost \$20,000.00. Contractors are quoting \$90,000.00 for what they once charged \$20-30,000.00 with no price gouging protections for landlords. And after a tenant squats in your unit without paying, they show up with lawyers that curse you to your face and slow walk litigation; threatening to hold you up for a year unless you not only give free rent but paid money to get back property you're responsible for. I say responsible for because you don't actually own it. It takes 30-40 years to actually own something; you're just responsible for it and the moment you don't comply with every term of the contract you signed with the bank, like paying a mortgages, property taxes, property insurance, maintaining maintenance etc., the bank will take it away.

So while everyone else is raising their prices, including the City, you think that we're suppose to just keep paying for everything until we're on the streets. NO.

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