

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mayo Inoue

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 07:48 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Mayo Inoue and I'm here today as a long-time renter in Los Angeles. I want to thank Council member Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him in voting YES on this important motion when it's up for a full council vote. I support this motion because rent gouging has affected my community members who are desperately trying to rebuild their lives after the fires. Greedy landlords need to be held accountable and fined appropriately. We need transparency and accountability NOW. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** marlon b hernandez

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 07:53 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** hello, i'm writing regarding the recent motion from council member soto-martinez regarding reporting on rent gouging. it's great we have laws against rent gouging on the books but it seems like more can be done to enforce the existing laws. can we vote yes on the motion so we better understand the severity of the issue and are better able to enforce the existing laws? thank you for your time

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mitchell Lerner

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 08:01 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Mitchell Lerner and I'm making this comment as a concerned LA citizen. Thank you to Council member Soto-Martinez for introducing this motion. I strongly support it and urge all LA City Council members to vote YES. The cost of living is skyrocketing already, without opportunistic and greedy and property owners raising rents past the (already high) legal limits. This city needs to band together, not pick the meat off of each other's bones while we all struggle to survive and thrive under incredibly difficult local and national conditions. We need transparency and accountability now. We have seen time and time again what the powerful among us do if they face no consequences for predatory practices. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and fellow Angelenos. This will ensure that the City Attorney is fulfilling her obligation to the city, and help us all grow and thrive together. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Keya Vakil

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 08:07 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Keya, and I'm here today as a resident and renter in Los Angeles who cares deeply about this city and the people who live in it. I've been here for more than 12 years and it is home. In the aftermath of January's fires, I've been deeply disheartened at the scale of the price gouging being carried out by landlords. But even more troubling has been the utter lack of investigation and prosecution of price-gouging by LA City Attorney Heidi Feldstein-Soto. To do nothing while landlords take advantage of victims after the worst fires in LA history is unfathomable and unforgivable. The city has power. It needs to use it to protect its residents. The people who make Los Angeles Los Angeles. That's why I want to thank Council member Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him in voting YES on this important motion when it's up for a full council vote. I support this motion because we deserve to know what the LA City Attorney is doing (or not doing). We should know how the scale of the complaints the office has received, how long they take to respond to them, how they respond to them, and if they're doing anything to hold repeat offenders accountable. We need transparency and accountability NOW. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jaclene Kleinfeld

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 08:10 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Jaclene Kleinfeld, and I'm here today as a Jewish-American, a veterans medical coordinator and a renter. I want to thank Council member Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him in voting YES on this important motion when it's up for a full council vote. Accessible housing is a human right. Accessible housing is suicide prevention. We need transparency and accountability NOW. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kasey Ventura

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 07:25 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Kasey Ventura, and I'm here today as a community organizer I want to thank Councilmember Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him in voting YES on Item number XX. We need transparency and accountability NOW. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you. [copy and paste everything above]

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joel Sinensky

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 07:35 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello! My name is Joel, and I'm here as a longtime renter in Los Angeles who has seen our city become more and more and more and more unaffordable. I've seen so many friends forced to leave the city and abandon the dreams that brought them here, all because of the totally insane cost of living. I want to thank Councilmember Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him in voting YES on this important motion when it's up for a full council vote. This is a city built on the back of working class people. It has long been a place that young people come to pursue their dreams. If this crisis of affordability continues much longer, that will totally be over. It's already going in the wrong direction. We need change, now. We need transparency and accountability NOW. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Vincent DeGaetano

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 07:36 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Vincent DeGaetano, and I'm here today as an over-taxed and increasingly irritated-by-the-cost-of-livin citizen. I want to thank Council member Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him in voting YES on Item number 25-0006-S77. We need transparency and accountability NOW. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Arindam

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 07:43 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Arindam and I'm writing this today as an LA resident witnessing the devastation of fires for the first time. I want to thank Council member Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him in voting YES on this important motion when it's up for a full council vote. I was astonished to hear that the protections put into place, and codified into law, have not been enforced during the recent state of emergency. This is a travesty that must be amended. We need transparency and accountability NOW. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank You.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sydney Anderson

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 06:54 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Sydney Anderson and I am writing as an Angeleno, renter, and someone who loves this city! I am asking all LA City Council members to join Councilmember Soto-Martinez in voting YES on the motion to act decisively to enforce price-gouging laws and to increase its transparency in doing so. Landlords have been egregiously raising rents since the wildfires, in a city where working people are already scraping by and trying to deal with some of the highest rents in the country. The City MUST hold them accountable and discourage landlords from harming tenants and working Angelenos. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tobias Stansell

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 07:00 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, My name is Tobias Stansell and I'm a renter living in Echo Park. I'm writing to demand that the council vote YES on the rent gouging accountability and transparency motion. After the wildfires, I've watched as my neighborhood, among many others in Los Angeles, has been hit hard by rents going way up, many of them far above legal limits. It's shocking how little the City Attorney and others are doing to prosecute landlords who are using this crisis to profit off of the suffering of everyday Angelinos. Especially because many of those landlords are the same people making huge donations to the City Attorney and other elected officials. We need transparency and accountability now more than ever. I'm proud to join dozens of other renters who have had enough! Vote yes on this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you. Tobias Stansell

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily McMillan

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 07:05 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Emily, and I'm here today as a proud Angeleno, Youth advocate, and renter in Echo Park. I want to thank Councilmember Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him voting YES on Item number 25-0006-S77. After the wildfires, I've watched as my neighborhood has been hit hard by rents going way up, many of them way above legal limits. I can't believe how little the City Attorney and others are doing to go after the landlords who are using this crisis to make a profit. Especially because many of those landlords are the same people making huge donations to the City Attorney and other elected officials. We need transparency and accountability NOW. I'm proud to be here with dozens of other renters who have had enough! Vote yes on this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Denton Cohen

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 08:48 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Denton, and I'm here today as a South LA renter and proud Angeleno. I want to thank Councilmember Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him in voting YES on this important motion when it's up for a full council vote. This is a no-brainer. Landlords are taking advantage of an awful crisis to illegally raise rents for thousands of tenants and disaster survivors. We need to make an example out of the worst corporate landlords and bad actors, and right now, it's clear that the City Attorney isn't treating this issue with the gravity it demands. We need transparency and accountability NOW. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** V

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 08:49 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is V, and I'm here today as a dietitian working public health that sees first-hand the difficult sacrifices community members have to make when faced with the ever increasing burden of skyrocketing rent prices. Rent gouging by landlords following the fires, only exacerbates this crisis and there must be consequences. I want to thank Councilmember Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him in voting YES on this important motion when it's up for a full council vote. Transparency is the first step in accountability and is an essential part of creating a fair housing policy in Los Angeles. We need transparency and accountability NOW. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dan Foster

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 08:55 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Dan Foster, and I'm here today as an educator, a renter and an Angeleno. I want to thank Councilmember Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him in voting YES on this important motion when it's up for a full council vote. Price gouging in the face of a city-wide disaster is one of the more despicable acts I can think of. When some are banding together to provide support to their fellow community members, there are others who are using the fires and the aftermath to rob the suffering in order to make a quick buck. It's not just morally reprehensible, it's also ILLEGAL, and we must have accountability for these heinous acts. We need transparency and accountability NOW. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lucy Briggs

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 08:58 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Lucy, and I'm here today as a resident of Los Angeles. I want to thank Councilmember Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him in voting YES on this important motion when it's up for a full council vote. It is imperative that price gougers in the City of Los Angeles be held accountable for contributing to the housing crisis, particularly in the wake of the Los Angeles fires. This motion will support transparency and enforcement by the City and contribute to a better Los Angeles as we Angelenos recover from the disaster. We need transparency and accountability NOW. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 08:40 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Camille, and I'm here today as an Angeleno. I want to thank Councilmember Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him in voting YES on this important motion when it's up for a full council vote. Price gouging is an epidemic in Los Angeles and its the government's duty to protect its citizen's right to housing. We need transparency and accountability NOW. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Claudia Avalos

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 09:22 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** Mi nombre es Claudia, y estoy aquí hoy como Inquilino de Los Angeles. Quiero dar las gracias al concejal Soto-Martínez por tomar medidas para presentar esta moción, y quiero instar firmemente a todos los miembros del Concejo de Los Ángeles a que se unan a él y voten SÍ a esta importante moción cuando se someta a votación de todo el concejo. Es muy importante para mi pues los propietarios aumentan exajeradamente las rentas en cada oportunidad que ven sin ver el daño que le hacen a los inquilinos que luchan por una vivienda y trabajan exhaustivamente para poder pagar su renta. Necesitamos transparencia y responsabilidad AHORA. Apoyo firmemente esta moción de sentido común para proteger a los inquilinos y asegurar que la Fiscal de la Ciudad está realmente cumpliendo con su obligación con los angelinos. Gracias.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andres Gonzalez

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 09:03 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Andres Gonzalez, and I'm here today as a [insert some personal details if you wish!] I want to thank Councilmember Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him in voting YES on this important motion when it's up for a full council vote. So many tenants are facing a precarity in living conditions, pushed to the edge by landlords able to strain the system of tenant protections. This is a battle of attrition and I and so many other tenants are demanding for this ordinance to prevent skyrocketing rents to create a city that is uninhabitable for regular folks. We need transparency and accountability NOW. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tabatha Yelos

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 09:05 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Tabatha, and I'm here today as an LA renter and public housing organizer. I want to thank Councilmember Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him in voting YES on this important motion when it's up for a full council vote. As we have seen with the egregious amount of rent gouging that occurred following the fires in January, private for-profit landlords can NEVER be trusted to do the right thing. They are not interested in keeping people housed, only in making record profits. And they will exploit any opportunity to do that! They are knowingly and willingly driving the housing crisis - it's good business for them! This is why we need to invest in public housing and the Housing Authority if we want to solve the housing crisis. In the meantime, motions like this to regulate and hold for-profit landlords accountable are extremely important. Landlords should not feel like they have free reign to continue manufacturing a crisis to profit from. Unfortunately, the City also let this happen by not acting sooner with urgency. But now we have an opportunity to do the right thing and get transparency for the public in order to hold these greedy, parasitic landlords accountable! We need transparency and accountability NOW. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Casey Wong

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2025 09:16 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S77

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Casey Wong, and I'm here today as a community organizer in Chinatown. I want to thank Councilmember Soto-Martinez for taking action to introduce this motion, and I want to strongly urge all members of LA City Council to join him in voting YES on this important motion when it's up for a full council vote. Tenants are increasingly vulnerable in these times as technology advances. Landlords price gouge and evict tenants using data and it's time for the city and tenants to use data to enforce the law against price gougers. In this economy, we need urgent action from City Council. We need transparency and accountability NOW. I strongly support this common-sense motion to protect renters and ensure that the City Attorney is actually fulfilling her obligation to Angelenos. Thank you.