

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Key reasons to oppose the extension include: • The State ended its emergency restrictions on February 7, 2026, and Los Angeles County ended its restrictions on March 29, 2026. • There is little evidence that widespread rent gouging has occurred. Los Angeles County data showed only a handful of reported incidents during the months immediately following the fires. • Homeowners impacted by the fires now have access to significantly expanded financial assistance through the CalAssist Mortgage Relief Program. • The restrictions continue to negatively impact rental housing providers, particularly small "mom-and-pop" owners who face rising operating costs and limitations on bringing units to market rates after vacancies. • Continued restrictions discourage additional housing inventory from entering the rental market at a time when housing availability remains critically important. • Many rebuilding homeowners are utilizing temporary housing arrangements that are not directly affected by multifamily rental housing markets, making the current citywide restrictions overly broad. • Emergency powers were intended for short-term crises, not indefinite housing policy. Extending these restrictions nearly a year and a half after the fires raises serious concerns regarding the appropriate use of emergency authority.