

Communication from Public

Name: Christine Rodriguez

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Christine Rodriguez and I work for the LACCA, where we provide free eviction defense tenants in Los Angeles. We need the City Council's urgent intervention to ensure that the LAHD approves a new five year contract with Stay Housed LA. If this contract were to expire in approximately two weeks there could be NO NEW services provided to people facing eviction, & illegal rent increases. There would be NO access to critical rental assistance payments that keep people housed. There would be NO tenant education, reaching the most vulnerable populations impacted by the immigration raids. According to Stay Housing LA data, 56% of represented tenants remained in their homes for a long term collective economic benefit of \$20,161,073 (savings from not moving) and soft landings were provided to another 38%, with these tenants receiving collective economic benefit of \$21,613,570 (waived back rent, relocation assistance, fee waivers). We understand that the City Attorney has directed LAHD to not execute the approved contract. We call on City Councilmembers to assert your authority, and ensure your vote is implemented. If the City Attorney does not want to approve the contract in form, LAHD has Council authority to execute it as is. The City attorney's role is not to legislate, it's to approve as to form. Under the current state of emergency order on homelessness, the City attorney cannot withhold endorsement of approval of contracts like this. We urge the City Council to intervene to execute and approve the StayHoused LA contract to prevent an economic and homelessness crisis among these difficult times.

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Name: Emily Filkin

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Comments for Public Posting: As a tenant in City Council District 8 and a member of The Rent Brigade, I urge the City Attorney to execute the 5-year Stay Housed LA Contract. Both the city council and the mayor have approved the contract, and yet the City Attorney is obstructing the contract's execution. The current contract is set to expire on June 30th. If the new contract is not executed, tenants will be deprived of much needed rental assistance and legal assistance. Tenants will be left without a remedy or representation when landlords violate their rights.

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Name: Mitchell Lerner

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Comments for Public Posting: Stay Housed LA is critical to maintaining a fair playing field for renters (to the extent that one exists). Renewing their contract is vital to making sure landlords are not taking advantage of renters, especially at this time of price gouging and intimidation after the fires. Los Angeles has an affordability problem, and in order to have any hope at keeping this city vibrant and alive, we need renters who can defend themselves when being pushed out of their homes unfairly. Stay Housed LA helps educate Angelenos and defend them when they are at their most vulnerable. I implore you to renew their funding. Thank you.