

Communication from Public

Name: David Somers

Date Submitted: 05/21/2026 11:16 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Submitting the attached letter on behalf of the EAA Union Board of Governors. See attached. The Engineers and Architects Association (EAA) represents nearly 6,000 members in over 40 departments in the City of Los Angeles. EAA stands opposed to expanding vacation rentals into secondary homes as the Mayor instructs in items 13 and 14 of Exhibit H in the FY 27 Proposed Budget. Opening secondary homes to short-term rental services, like Air BNB, risks a rapid erosion of the City's rental housing stock, already severely insufficient to meet the city's rental housing demand. Eroding the rental housing market risks fueling housing crises where 54 percent of the unhoused population found homeless due to economic circumstances alone as opposed to mental illness or drug dependence. Our members' preference for telecommuting is a consequence of the lack of available housing in the City we serve. Los Angeles has the highest housing cost burden of any major U.S. city. Many of our members can no longer afford local rents, forcing them into grueling commutes from outside city limits. Reducing available long-term rental housing stock only worsens this displacement and necessitates the telecommuting policies our members rely on for viability. Freezing out City workers and renters from available rental units to increase revenue is not an acceptable trade off. Rather than cannibalizing the Los Angeles rental housing stock, the City should increase funding for housing investigators to enforce existing short term rental ordinances. Revenue generated from penalties on illegal listings would likely exceed the projected taxes from expansion all while protecting the integrity of our neighborhoods.



May 21, 2026

Mayor Bass
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, 90012
CC:

RE: EAA Letter Short-Term Rental Indecent Proposal (CF 18-1246; CF 25-0029-S1; and CF 26-0600)

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Respectful submitted on behalf of the EAA Board of Governors,

Marleen Fonseca
Executive Director, EAA

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Name: Sarah S Mzoughi

Date Submitted: 05/20/2026 11:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, As a LA City resident and a student with a future in Los Angeles, I am urging you to support LA Forward's budget requests, based on the budget work that the Budget committee has done: Please SUPPORT the Budget committee's recommendation to fund UMCR's expansion to an additional 6 divisions, growing UMCR's service from 9 to 15 police divisions by the end of FY 26-27. This leaves the City in a perfect position to grow UMCR citywide to all 21 police divisions by the end of FY 27-28. INCREASE the Budget committee's revised budget of \$1.5 million to \$3 million to support the RepresentLA program. \$1.5 million is what was budgeted last year, and providers like CHIRLA were left with a 660+ person waitlist in need to support for legal services. In these dangerous times, we need an additional \$1.5 million to protect more of our most vulnerable neighbors. Please add \$1.5 million to the \$1.5 million already in BFI's budget. These investments amount to less than 0.5% of the City's unrestricted budget funds. With this funding, UMCR can continue to make progress towards citywide expansion by 2028 and immigrant Angelenos can access life-saving legal services. At LA Forward, we understand that the City's annual budget is the ultimate statement of what it values. With an erratic federal government flooding our streets with masked agents, multiple mega-events approaching rapidly, and a continuing budget deficit, it is time for our City government to invest in community safety programs that protect our most vulnerable neighbors. Create faith in the government by answering to your public's pleas. Do not expect a wave of silence from Angelenos as we will not stop until all of us are protected in our city. I hope you can restore my faith in democracy, in the government's ability to protect the very public it was created by, and create a future where we can all rely on leaders to show up, speak up and act for what is right. Thank you, A student, a believer, an Angeleno.

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Name: STAND-LA Coalition

Date Submitted: 05/21/2026 10:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council Members, The STAND-LA Coalition (Stand Together Against Neighborhood Drilling - Los Angeles) is writing to urge you to ensure there is funding in the 2026-27 budget to support strong implementation and enforcement of the full phaseout of oil and gas drilling citywide. It is critically important that the City of Los Angeles protect frontline communities impacted by neighborhood oil drilling and prioritize their health and safety by committing the necessary resources to support operations and fund the City's oversight of oil and gas drilling under AB 3233 and move Los Angeles towards a fossil fuel free future. STAND-LA is a racial and environmental justice coalition made up of 7 community-based non-profit organizations: Black Women for Wellness, Esperanza Community Housing Corporation, Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Political Education - SCOPE, Redeemer Community Partnership, Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles, Communities for a Better Environment, and Holman United Methodist Church. The STAND-LA Coalition represents frontline Black and Brown communities in South Los Angeles and Wilmington where oil drilling is the most harmful. We have been fighting for over a decade to halt the toxic extraction of oil in our neighborhoods which is deeply damaging to our health, well-being, and to our environment. STAND-LA remains fully committed to seeing the phaseout of oil and gas drilling within the City of Los Angeles. We support Councilmember Yaroslavsky's April 30th comments at the budget hearing to request a: Special study from the CAO on recommendations for the transfer of oil regulation functions from the Board of Public Works including all programs, personnel, as needed position authorities, contractual services controlled funds, and all other related functions to other relevant departments and bureaus including City Planning and Bureaus of Contract Administration and Engineering and other changes deemed necessary including identifying additional funding to support operations and increase the City's oversight of oil and gas under AB 3233...we have an opportunity to do more than we historically have. We appreciate Councilmember Yaroslavsky's commitment to moving a full phaseout of oil drilling forward and her call to the rest of the City Council and departments to dedicate the funding, resources, and time needed to protect frontline communities from

this ongoing harm. In addition, Mayor Bass asserts a similar goal in her recent Climate Action Plan, “[p]hase out urban oil and gas drilling and clean up sites so land can be safely reused for housing, parks, and community benefit.” Such an objective would require the requested budgetary support. Regarding the renegotiation of the pipeline franchise agreements, a topic also discussed at Thursday’s budget hearing, STAND-LA urges the City to deny the agreements as a way to advance health and safety protections for all Angelenos. Historically these contracts have propped up an industry that has perpetuated harm and failed to comply with health and safety standards. Renegotiating them as a standard business practice does nothing to protect communities and move us toward a full phase out of oil drilling. The City of Los Angeles has long been publicly committed to creating a renewable and environmentally just future for Los Angeles and investing in this phaseout process is a key piece of this strategy. In 2021, the City’s Budget and Finance Committee voted to allocate resources to draft the original oil phaseout ordinance, which former Mayor Garcetti later signed, paving the way for its passage in December 2022. It is critical to build on this health protective policy and invest the necessary funds to support the City as it seeks to phase out fossil fuels so that communities are not left behind and can enjoy a healthier future. We are in full support of Councilmember Yaroslavsky's proposal, including the transfer of oil regulation functions to another department to have stronger coordination and funding to ensure that the City is using all the tools at its disposal to protect communities from the harms of neighborhood oil drilling. Sincerely, STAND-LA Coalition
Emma Silber, Co-Coordinator, STAND-LA Coalition
Maro Kakoussian, Director of Climate and Health Programs
Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles
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¹ Katy Yaroslavsky, City of Los Angeles, (2026, April 30). *Los Angeles City Budget Hearing*. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/live/1pYAkVm6gQ?si=HKTTuhfSnKkIORk8>*Los Angeles City Budget Hearing [Los Angeles City Council]*, [06:31:48]

² City of Los Angeles Office of the Mayor. (2026). *Mayor Bass' Climate Action Plan for Los Angeles*. <https://plan.mayor.lacity.gov/>

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Name: Bahni Turpin

Date Submitted: 05/21/2026 12:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Greetings Council members, My name is Bahni Turpin and I represent 735 households who are currently the owners of SoLA food co-op . We have been grassroots organizing primarily in CD 8, and 10 for over a decade and now we need city and state support to cross the finish line and get our community owned grocery store open. We ask that the city's budget continue to support the Good Food Zone pilot program that helps healthy food retailers, and that additional funds and assistance are allocated to support new grocery stores in South LA. We still don't have enough grocery stores in South LA and many residents travel out of the area to buy food. A food co-op solves not only for food availability, but offers food education and ownership to the community, along with new jobs . And by partnering with small local farms and local food producers, we can create a new healthier foodshed for South LA. I ask City Council to allocate funding to support local food retailers like SoLA Co-op via the Good Food Zone and other economic development programs. Thank you, Bahni Turpin

Communication from Public

Name: Armando Gudino

Date Submitted: 05/21/2026 03:10 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: SEE ATTACHED: May 21, 2026 Subject: Annual Budget Resolution For Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Council File 26-0600) To: Members of the Los Angeles City Council From: Los Angeles Worker Center Network To: The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council The Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles



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From: Los Angeles Worker Center Network

To: The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council

The Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Worker Center Network (LAWCN) urges you to adopt the recommendations of the Chief Legislative Analyst's report on strengthening the City's Office of Wage Standards (OWS) in the upcoming budget. Los Angeles is the wage theft capital of the country, and the low-wage and immigrant workers we represent should not have to wait any longer for their own city's enforcement office to be given the authority and capacity to effectively pursue cases of wage theft.

This effort was introduced in 2023 to protect all workers, including immigrant workers, against wage theft. Since then, that need has only grown more urgent. Many of the workers we represent are not filing complaints with OWS because of the very fears that prompted the motion, and heightened federal immigration enforcement has deepened their vulnerability. For these families, stolen wages can mean the difference between making rent and becoming unhoused.

We recognize the questions raised about fiscal sustainability, implementation, and coordination across agencies. But the current direction risks further delays that harm the City's most vulnerable workers. The CLA report provides a clear roadmap, and its recommendation to add eleven positions reflects a careful assessment of OWS's growing investigative and compliance workload. Importantly, this creates no new obligations for employers: they already must follow state law. It simply ensures that the labor standards the City has already adopted can be effectively enforced. The only employers harmed by stronger enforcement are those already breaking the law; law-abiding businesses benefit, because they no longer have to compete against companies that undercut them through wage theft. In that sense, enforcement protects both workers and honest businesses by ensuring the marketplace operates on fair and lawful terms.

On concerns about unfunded mandates, we agree the City should expand responsibly and with an eye toward long-term sustainability. But effective wage theft enforcement carries lasting economic benefits: workers who receive their full earnings spend locally and rely less on public safety-net programs. In this sense, wage theft enforcement functions as a homelessness and poverty prevention strategy.



Several other concerns are already addressed within the existing framework. OWS coordinates with other enforcement bodies, including the County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. Its method for identifying high-violation industries combines complaint data, investigation outcomes, and broader labor market indicators—a strategic, evidence-based approach, not a fishing expedition directed at all employers. And concerns about data privacy, safeguards for sensitive workplace data, the distinction between allegations and confirmed violations, and legal oversight of investigative tools are governed by policies BCA and OWS already maintain under the guidance of the City Attorney’s office and the same policies under which they enforce minimum wage violations today.

The broader context matters. As Los Angeles prepares to host the World Cup and the Olympic Games, billions in economic activity will place the City’s labor standards under global scrutiny. A city that wishes to present itself as valuing fair work and lawful competition cannot remain the nation’s wage theft capital.

It has been a decade since OWS was established, five years since AB 3075 gave local agencies clear authority to enforce all state labor laws, and two and a half years since the CLA study was commissioned. These workers clean our buildings, prepare our food, care for our children and seniors, sew our clothes, and keep the city’s economy functioning, yet they are the most likely to experience wage theft and the least likely to see meaningful enforcement. They have waited long enough.

We respectfully urge you to support the findings and recommendations of the Chief Legislative Analyst and allow the proposed expansion of the Office of Wage Standards to move forward at the next opportunity. Our communities cannot afford further delay. Los Angeles cannot host the world while ignoring wage theft within its own economy.

Sincerely,

Armando Gudino
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Flor Melendrez
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CLEAN Carwash Worker Center

Marissa Nuncio
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