

Dear Councilmembers:

There is no pandemic-related medical purpose for an eviction moratorium. President Biden, WHO, and CDC have announced that the pandemic is officially over. Their opinions trump the LAHD's recommendation to end the moratorium at the end of the year - **end the moratorium immediately!** It has been 929 days of denying due process of law, denying basic rights of property ownership, denying any pay increases for housing providers, and denying the fact that today, very few tenants can support a COVID hardship claim.

Rent Freeze

There is no pandemic-related medical purpose for a rent freeze. A blanket rent freeze is a shotgun approach that doesn't recognize the difference in income levels or needs. If you are concerned for tenants who will not be able to keep up with rent increases, then create a county voucher system to cover a portion of the rent for QUALIFIED families or individuals.

The Golden Rule

If you are going to preserve a rent freeze, then retroactively freeze pay increases for yourselves along with it! **IF** you ended the eviction moratorium today (929 days) and kept the rent freeze for a year (365 days), you would need to receive no pay increases for over 3.5 years! What were you making back in 2018?

Actually, if you really believe that rents need to be frozen, then freeze all city pay increases for the same period of time. You wouldn't be too popular, would you? Now you know why you are not too popular with rental property owners. Housing providers work hard to shelter renters and you are denying them all just compensation through the rent freeze.

Since you obviously only think of tenants, then please understand that you are driving down the quality of housing by freezing rents. As the quality of housing goes down, crime does increase. There are tons of unintended consequences. Do not forget the massive failure that public housing was and is.

Act now! Vote to end the moratorium and the rent freeze. The pandemic is over, as voiced by our President.

Best regards,

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