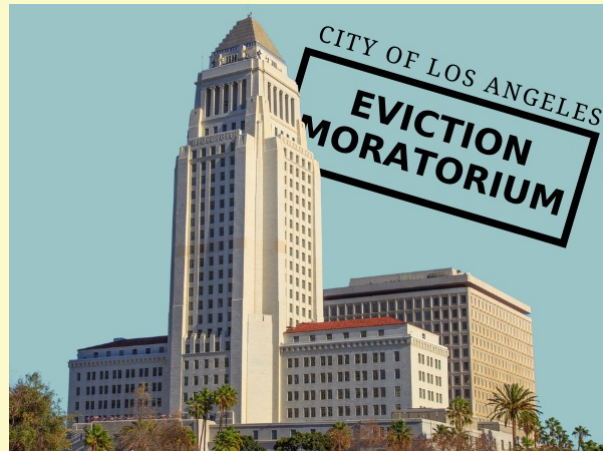




Action Alert!

JUNE 2022

LA City Council to Consider Ending Eviction Protections



Today, June 22, the Los Angeles City Council considered a motion that could mean the beginning of the end of COVID eviction protections.

The Motion (Martinez – Cedillo – De Leon – Lee) called for directing the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), with assistance from the City Attorney, to report on recommendations and possible amendments to the eviction moratorium and related matters.

1. INSTRUCT the LAHD, with assistance from the City Attorney, to report on recommendations and possible amendments to the eviction moratorium.
2. DIRECT the LAHD to report on data relative to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.
3. INSTRUCT the LAHD to report on existing protections for tenants, gaps in those protections, and options to address those gaps.

The motion was amended to also instruct LAHD to outreach to tenant and landlord groups to seek their input.

While the motion does not instruct action be taken to end COVID eviction protections, and hopefully that is not the case, it does possibly open the door for that to happen with just 8 votes.

Council Member Mike Bonin in questioning LAHD asked that in the report back should consider strengthening eviction protections and lowering allowable rent increase.

Council Member Kevin de León asked for more information on renters still awaiting rental assistance funding and ensuring they are protected.

The Council could not take action because two Council Members who own rental property had to recuse themselves from voting, thus the Council did not have quorum to vote. The matter was continued until this Friday.

ACT NOW!!!

Contact City Council Members NOW to Demand COVID Eviction Protections Are NOT Weakened or Eliminated & Should Actually Be Strengthened:

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CES Opposes Any Efforts to Weaken or Eliminate Any Renter Protections CES Supports Strengthening Protections

To relax or eliminate COVID eviction protections would be cruel and inhuman.

The COVID emergency is not over.

The City Council can't truly address homelessness with actions that will throw more people on the street.

Inflation has made things more expensive, but with housing affordable units are scarce allowing landlords to charge a premium on available units.

Over the last year, there's been a 17% surge of rents prices according to Zillow data.

HUD reports LA's median rent is \$2,258. But, for vacant RSO units 2-bedroom apartments are renting for \$4,000 according to ApartmentList.com.

At that rent you'd need to make \$160,000 a year for it to be affordable, yet the average LA salary is \$68,000.

The City Council must not abandon renters now. Protections need to be strengthened, not weakened at this time.

CES stands in support of expanded, permanent renter protections, including:

- Options to strengthen permanent protections to prevent eviction of tenants that suffer temporary disruptions in income;
 - Expanding just cause protections to all rental units with no exceptions.
 - Limiting allowable rent increases to 60% of the Consumer Price Index.
 - Eliminating the 3% floor for allowable rent increases.
 - Eliminating the 1% annual allowable increase for master meter buildings.
 - Making it illegal to take away parking spaces as West Hollywood has done instead of it being a reduction of services
 - Prohibiting temporary relocation for housing upgrades if the landlord then intends to Ellis evict or convert to Tenants In Common
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ATTENTION ALL RENTERS!

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The Clinic serves the entire Southern California area.
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CES holds the Clinic **Every Saturday** via Zoom at 10 am.
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With us all facing this pandemic that threatens us both health-wise and economically, CES has committed to continue providing tenants with information and assistance on their rights. Clearly, COVID-19 has made this commitment extremely challenging. It is why we need your financial support more than ever. We will persist!

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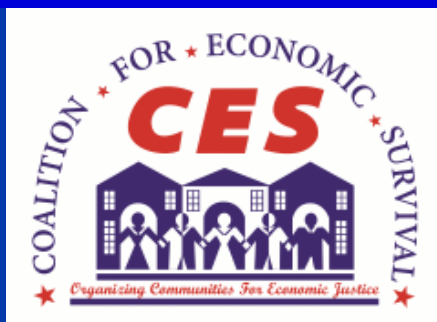
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