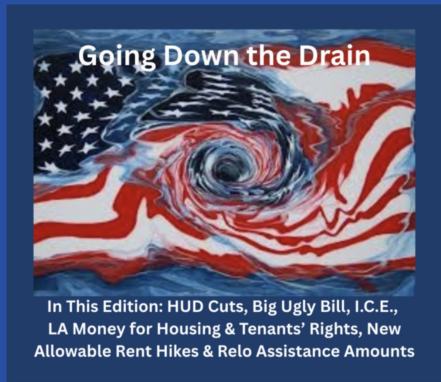

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L.A. City Council Approves Hundreds of Millions in New Funds to Address L.A.'s Housing Crisis

Renters and affordable housing advocates celebrated a major win thanks to the United to House L.A. coalition, which includes CES. Hundreds of millions from Measure ULA will fund affordable housing initiatives in Los Angeles, thanks to a City Council decision last week.

The FY25-26 ULA housing programs budget of $424.8 million surpasses the total spent since the program began. The spending plan allocates $288.2 million for affordable housing and $102.6 million for homelessness prevention.

The Council also approved a $376 million Notice of Funding Availability (or NOFA) for affordable housing, the city's first NOFA in two years and one of the biggest in Los Angeles history. Of that amount, fully $316 million, or 84%, was raised through ULA's transfer tax on real estate sales of $5 million and over.

With the approvals, Measure ULA's 11 programs are completely funded for the first time since its implementation, concluding a two-year phased rollout. Funding includes $87.9 million for alternative affordable housing, $15.6 million for homeownership, $42.6 million for senior/disabled income support, $39.1 million for eviction prevention, and $9.3 million for tenant harassment protection, plus more.

Measure ULA's new spending and NOFA projects should significantly increase the number of Angelenos helped.

These new ULA successes follow several failed attempts by billionaires and millionaires in Sacramento to block or weaken the measure through legal challenges and political pressure.

LA City Council Votes

to Save Stay Housed LA at the Last Moment

The L.A. City Council approved a plan to temporarily extend the contract with Stay Housed L.A., which CES is part of, until the city can put out a request for proposals and choose who to award the next contract. Council members approved keeping the contract in place for another seven months, or until the bidding process is completed, whichever comes first.

Stay Housed LA is a collaborative program between Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles, and local community-based groups and legal service providers. It aims to help LA residents stay in their homes by providing information, resources, and legal assistance to tenants facing eviction. The program offers services like legal assistance with issues like wrongful eviction, landlord harassment, and slum conditions, as well as community education through workshops and resources.

Months ago, the City Council and Mayor Karen Bass approved a five-year contract renewal with Stay Housed L.A., a coalition of legal aid providers that has offered advice, representation and rent relief to thousands of renters in the last four years.

The contract was set to end on June 30 because City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto would not approve it. She argued that the city should not have awarded the contract to Stay Housed L.A. without first putting it out for competitive bidding. This last minute effort to sink this critical program caught everyone by surprise.

The council’s action will preserve ongoing eviction defense services for renters in the city at a time when households are losing income due to recent federal immigration raids. It will also allow Stay Housed L.A. to continue overseeing the roll-out of the city’s free “Right To Counsel” program for low-income tenants facing eviction.

2025-26 Allowable Rent Increases & Relocation Assistance Amounts

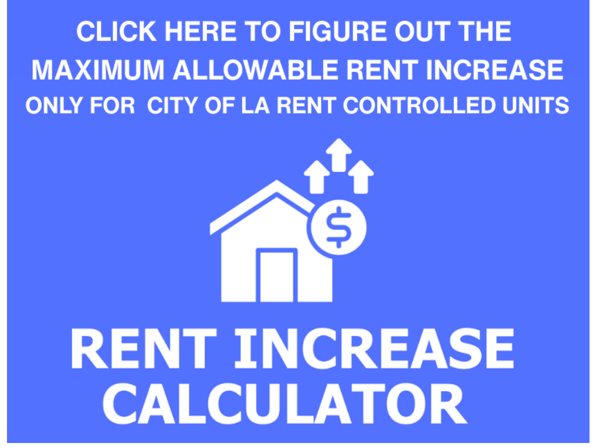
City of Los Angeles:

The annual rent increase is limited to 3% for rental units subject to the City of Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO), effective is July 1, 2025, through

June 30, 2026.

If the landlord provides gas and electric service to the tenant, an additional 1% can be added. Therefore, the maximum increase for RSO units is 5% if the landlord pays for both utilities.

State law requires landlords to provide an advance 30-day written notice for rent increases of less than 10%.



City of LA RSO Relocation Assistance Amounts for 2025-26

Relocation Assistance from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026					
Tenant Type	Tenants with Less Than 3 Years	Tenants with 3 or More Years	Income Below 80% of Area Median Income (Regardless of Length of Tenancy)	Mom & Pop Amount (Only for Landlord, Family, Resident Manager Occupancy)	Single Family Dwelling owned by natural persons
Eligible Tenant	$10,650	$13,950	$13,950	$10,200	One month's rent
Qualified Tenant	$22,450	$26,550	$26,550	$20,600	

City of West Hollywood:

In West Hollywood, the maximum allowable rent increase for rent-stabilized units between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026, is 2.25%.

City of Santa Monica:

In Santa Monica, rent increases for eligible units in 2025 are subject to a General Adjustment (GA) of 2.3%, with a maximum increase of $60 for units with rents at or above $2,587.

Unincorporated Areas of Los Angeles County:

In unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, the maximum allowable rent increase for most covered units starting January 1, 2025, is 3%.

Landlords who qualify as "small property landlords" can increase rent by an additional 1%, up to a maximum of 4%. Luxury units, defined as those with 25 or more units per parcel receiving $4,000 or more in monthly rent, can see an additional 2% increase over the base rate, up to a maximum of 5%.

Rent Increases Under State Tenant Protection Act (AB 1482)

Some non-RSO rental units are subject to State law AB1482, which applies to properties built more than 15 years ago (before 2010).

• Effective August 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026, the maximum allowable increase is 8%.

• Effective August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025, the maximum allowable increase is 8.9%.

LA Mayor Karen Bass
& City Council Members
News Conference After I.C.E.
& Military Invade MacArthur Park

Los Angeles is, literally, under siege. Monday saw immigration agents in army green take over MacArthur Park.

In the heart of immigrant Los Angeles, they arrived on horses and in armored vehicles, armed with rifles and dressed in tactical gear, but their search yielded few of their intended targets: undocumented immigrants.

So far, 2,100 residents of Los Angeles have been abducted and vanished as a result of the Trump Administration's authoritarian methods, according to CHIRLA.

Click to Watch News Conference

LIVE: Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass speaks after National Guard protect immigration officers in raid

California Attorney General Issues Alert on Housing Discrimination Amidst Increased ICE Activity

California Attorney General Rob Bonta warned landlords that discriminating against, retaliating against, or threatening to out tenants to ICE or law enforcement to force them to move is illegal. With the federal administration's inhumane mass deportations fueling fear and mistrust, it is essential for California landlords and tenants to know their legal rights and duties.

Landlords cannot discriminate against tenants based on race, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, gender identity or expression, disability, familial status, source of income, veteran status, or other protected characteristics.

Failure to comply with these laws may result in landlords paying tenants for damages, penalties, and legal fees. Landlords disclosing tenant immigration status to immigration authorities could face statutory damages of 6–12 times the monthly rent.

The Devasting Impact of Trump's Big Ugly Bill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The "One Big Bullshit Bill" Act

*A bill to use **Budget Reconciliation** to bypass the filibuster and slash vital programs for everyday Americans to fund tax cuts for the wealthy.*

This bill will...
- Cut **Medicaid** by $625 billion
- Cut **SNAP** by $300 billion
- Cut **student aid** by $351 billion
- Triple the budget for **ICE**
- Greenlight the sale of **public lands**
- Ban state-level **AI regulation** for 10 yrs
- Repeal **clean energy** programs
- Divert funding from **public schools**
- Increase overall federal **deregulation**
- Give Trump power to **censor nonprofits**
- Block access to **Planned Parenthood**
- Take $50 billion from **federal workers**
- Defund the **CFPB**
- Remove taxes on **gun silencers**

and more...

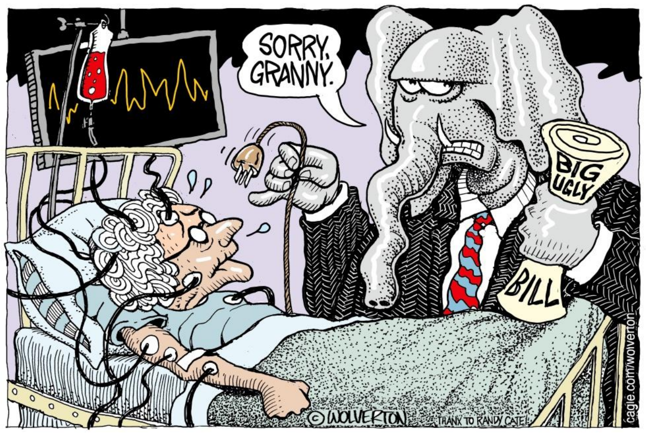
Donald Trump and Congressional Republicans' Big Ugly Bill is a bad deal for hardworking American families. This legislation not only harms Americans by taking away food and healthcare, increasing the deficit and burdening future generations, but also gives more tax breaks to the wealthiest billionaires.

The final bill contains drastic cuts eliminating healthcare for 17 million and food assistance for 5 million. Furthermore, it provides enormous handouts to the oil and gas industry and eliminates essential clean energy and environmental justice initiatives, all to finance trillions in tax cuts for the wealthiest individuals and corporations.

Ignoring pledges to safeguard Medicaid, the bill inflicts a $792.2 billion cut, jeopardizing coverage for 8.7 million and shifting the tax burden onto vulnerable families.

The tax break for those earning over $1 million annually is roughly 300 times greater than that for families making less than $50,000.

By stripping away health care and food assistance from working-class people and undermining production of American-made energy, the bill will increase the cost of living and lower after-tax income for the bottom 40 percent of earners while giving the top 20 percent of earners a $6,000 per year average tax cut.



This Big Ugly Bill Will:
· Cause 17 million Americans to lose healthcare
· Make the largest-ever cuts to Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamp) benefits
· Cause the closure of nursing homes and rural hospitals across the United States
· Hike housing, healthcare, and energy costs
· Supercharge Trump’s authoritarian anti-immigrant agenda
· Deliver massive new tax benefits for the wealthiest Americans, while increasing costs and taxes for the working class

HUD Housing & Rental Assistance Also in Works by Trump Administration

The Big Ugly Inhuman Bill isn't the sole piece of legislation that will cause widespread hardship. The Trump Administration's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Proposal was released on May 30th. The House Appropriations Committee's Transportation and HUD subcommittee is currently reviewing and marking it up.

HUD's $27 billion cut impacts all rental assistance programs, such as Project Based Section 8, Section 8 Vouchers, Public Housing, and housing for the elderly and disabled. Beyond simply removing funding for Community Development Block Grants and Fair Housing enforcement, the budget proposes to replace all federal rental assistance with 44% less funding; impose a two year limit on how long “able-bodied” tenants can stay in their homes; and eliminate Fair Housing enforcement. The HUD Budget Proposal's final markup is scheduled for July 14th.

Tell Congress: No cuts to social programs to fund tax breaks for the wealthy! The March FY 2025 Continuing Resolution resulted in a $700 million reduction to Section 8, potentially leading to a loss of 32,000 Vouchers by September 2025. On top of the House-passed $715 billion in Medicaid cuts and $295 billion in SNAP cuts, these new cuts will fund $5.5 trillion in tax cuts for the wealthy.

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L.A. City Council District 2
Tenant Rights Clinic

Los Angeles Councilmember Adrin Nazarian, the Coalition for Economic Survival and Los Angeles Housing Department are sponsoring another online Tenants Rights Clinic on July 14 at 6:30 pm.

Information will be provided to tenants on their rights, how the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) works, eviction protections, immigration rights of tenants and how recent changes in State and City laws may affect them.

Coalition for Economic Survival Executive Director Larry Gross will provide a presentation.

To register for this FREE clinic, click on this **LINK**

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TENANTS' RIGHTS CLINIC

Saturdays - 10 am

Email: HelpingLARenters@gmail.com
to Request a Link to Register for Clinic

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Know Your Rights By Attending the

Coalition for Economic Survival Tenants' Rights Zoom Clinic

To sign up for the next Coalition for Economic Survival
Tenants' Rights Clinic via ZOOM
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The Clinic serves the entire Southern California area.
Accommodations for Spanish, Russian speakers are provided.

One-On-One Assistance With an Attorney.

CES holds the Clinic **Every Saturday** via Zoom at 10 am.
and every Wednesday at 6 pm for West Hollywood Renters.
To request a link to register for any Clinic
email: **HelpingLArenters@gmail.com**.

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