

Breaking News

Los Angeles Lowers Upcoming Rent Increase, Denies Extending Rent Freeze

After hours of debate and public input, the Los Angeles City Council voted on Tuesday to let landlords, or the first time since March 2020, increase rents in the city's rent-controlled apartments 4%, and up to 6% if the landlord pays for both gas and electricity, beginning February 1, 2024.

The vote was 10-2, with Councilmembers Traci Park and John Lee siding with landlords and voting against the lower increase amounts.

If the Council hadn't taken action, the City would have allowed landlords with rent-controlled properties to increase rents by 7% to 9% starting on Feb. 1.

Councilmembers Paul Krekorian, Katy Yaroslavsky and Curren Price recused themselves because they own rental properties.

Continuing the Rent Freeze Proposed First

On October 25, Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez introduced a motion that sought to extend the existing freeze on rent increase to rent-controlled units for an addition 6 months. Tenant groups, including CES, supported the motion.

On November 1, at the Council's Housing and Homelessness Committee, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield successfully proposed a compromise to extending the rent freeze, which tied rent increases to the most recent consumer price index, which would allow a 4% rent increase, instead of what would have been a 7% increase. The Committee approved the compromise with Councilmembers John Lee

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HERNANDEZ	YES
HUTT	YES
LEE	NO
MКОSKER	YES
PADILLA	YES
PARK	NO
PRICE	--
RAMAN	YES
RODRIGUEZ	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ	YES
YAROSLAVSKY	--
KREKORIAN	--

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and Monica Rodriguez opposing it.



Amendments Fail

At Tuesday's full Council meeting a number of amendments were proposed.

Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez' first amendment would have undone the compromise and returned to a freeze on rent increases until the Housing

Department finished studying the matter and the council took action on the report. That only received support from Hernandez, Soto-Martinez and Nithya Raman.

Hernandez then offered a motion to keep the 4% limit with no additional 2% for landlords who cover utilities

Councilmember Tim McOske proposed allowing small landlords with 12 units or fewer to raise rents 7% to 9%, while preserving the lower 4% to 6% limit for larger landlords.

All the proposed amendment failed to receive the votes to pass.

Concern for So-Called Small Landlords Ignores Plight of Their Tenants

The obsession with protecting small landlords totally ignores that the tenants living in these units cannot afford the larger rent increase. Instead, valid small landlords who truly need help should be provided government financial assistance, not saddling tenants with additional rent hikes they can't afford.



FALLING SHORT

LA Comes Up Short, Other Cities Do Better

Los Angeles fell short for tenants in comparison to other neighboring cities.

With this decision, the City of LA will have some of the highest permissible rent hikes among other cities in the area that have rent control laws.

Santa Monica, West Hollywood and Santa Ana have all set allowable increases below 3%. The L.A. County Board of Supervisors approved allowable rent increases of up to 4% in rent-controlled housing starting next year in County unincorporated areas.

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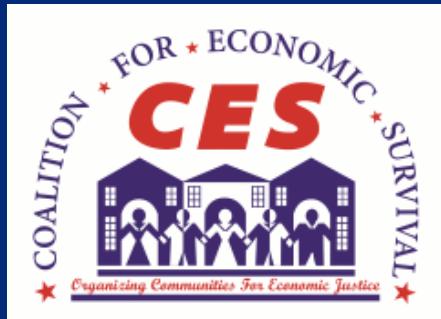
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