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To: Public Comment; City_Council
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on May 11, 2020 about Agenda Item 9

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Meeting Date May 11, 2020

Agenda Item Number 9

Comments

Last week, residents of the city watched city council prioritize the needs of landlords and their investment properties over the needs of low income residents facing eviction and homelessness. The housing department staff brought some good recommendations to you and you panned all the best ideas—allowing residents to self-certify their inability to pay during the pandemic, and extending the repayment period to 12 months. Leading the charge in gutting the staff recommendations were noted landlords, John Kennedy and Gene Masuda. The conflicts of interest here are blatantly obvious.

There was also a great deal of fear-mongering about what self-certification means. Tenants are collecting their documentation but at the moment of the crisis, not all workers have documentation available. No tenant is looking to rack up a big debt bill to their landlord. We live in perpetual fear of eviction. The idea that tenants are looking for ways to not pay their rent is slanderous to the thousands of tenants on whose backs landlords become wealthy.

This move today allows you to talk about “strengthening the eviction moratorium” without doing anything to actually strengthen it. The county and other nearby municipalities, like South Pasadena, are doing much more to protect tenants. Why isn’t Pasadena?

I consent to have my comment read out Yes

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Meeting Date May 11, 2020

Agenda Item Number 1

Comments Why is it that the seated city council members who are landlords put the needs of landlords before the needs of rental tenants. Kennedy said that the council did not open up or invite the landlords to weigh in on the 12 month rental repayment issue. As a voting rental constituent I never got a personal invite either so who did you really speak for? Not me. Maybe it was because there is a Landlord heavy city council, can you truly show equity? Are you truly being, seeing, advising and going forward fairly? It definitely didn't feel like that, ask the seniors who did not have a voice or the undeserved that echoed thru the public comments but did not have a voice on council advocating as there was Kennedy was for the landlord. .

I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting. Yes

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Meeting Date May 11, 2020

Agenda Item Number 9

Comments The landlords on this city council appear to be, unsurprisingly, putting their wants before the needs of the people of Pasadena. The repayment period for back rent should be at least 12 months and tenants should be allowed to self-certify their inability to pay rent due to Covid-19 causes. Why should renters in Pasadena have fewer protections than those in cities like Alhambra and South Pasadena? Landlords on the city council should recuse themselves from decision-making on these issues. While city council members like John Kennedy and Gene Masuda grow their wealth on the backs of struggling tenants, we will continue to fight for people's right to live in peace and safety.

I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting. Yes

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Meeting Date May 11, 2020

Agenda Item Number 9

Comments Last week City Council debate prioritized the needs of landlords and their investment properties over the needs of low income residents facing eviction and homelessness. Why? City Council members talk about "strengthening the eviction moratorium" without doing anything to actually strengthen it. Why?

You HAVE to stop ALL evictions, or be responsible for COVID-19 deaths. My landlord is trying to evict me, illegally (retaliatory eviction and renoeviction). I'm a senior. How do I go out and look for another place to live, while I'm supposed to be self-isolating? Evictions, at this time, aren't ALL about people who can't pay their rent. Some of us just have crooks for landlords who don't care if we have to pay with our lives for them to be able to evict us and hike up rents. You have to STOP ALL EVICTIONS!!

I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting. Yes

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Meeting Date May 11, 2020

Agenda Item Number 7 and 9

Comments Greetings Council.
My name is Allison Henry and I live in District 3. I write to support item 7, over 60 units of permanent supportive housing for seniors. Seniors are a fast growing segment of our unhoused neighbors, and we need to do more to keep them in sustainable and permanent housing. Heritage Square South is a fine addition to our Pasadena landscape.
I also write re item 9 the revised eviction moratorium. While we are grateful for further considerations such as prohibitions on harassment, it is disappointing to see the payback period be kept at 6 months and a step-back from tenant self-certification. I am concerned that in a tenant majority city, there are too many landlords on council who represent property over people. And if all members actually recused themselves, we would have no quorum. This is why people say local government is corrupt and why tenants have an uphill battle. And on this point, may we encourage council members to get their own legal counsel and NOT rely on asking the city attorney during council meetings--it makes members look uninformed and/or corrupt. The concern around conflict of interest is real and widely felt in the Pasadena community. Thank you.

I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting. Yes

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