



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
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			Jonathan Pacheco Bell	
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			Kyle Nelson	Los Angeles is in the midst of a yearlong surge in eviction filings. Eviction courts are dominated by landlords represented by lawyers and tenants who are not. Tenants without lawyers are far more likely to lose their cases (and their homes) and/or accept disadvantageous negotiated settlements that fail to shield them from eviction's devastating consequences. For as much progress as LA County is making in helping homeless experienced people EXIT homelessness, it is not doing nearly enough to limit ENTRANCES into homelessness. On Tuesday, July 16, the Board of Supervisors has the opportunity to change that. Enacting a right to counsel ordinance will expand outreach and education services for tenants vulnerable to eviction so that they can learn about their rights and eviction prevention resources while funding lawyers to support tenants as they defend themselves and their homes in court. A right to counsel ordinance cannot in itself end homelessness, but it is a vital part of the toolkit that will help tenants throughout the county stay housed. Thank you to Supervisors Mitchell and Solis for introducing this motion, and I urge all Supervisors to vote in favor.
			Max K	I thank Supervisor Mitchell for your leadership as well as Supervisors Solis and Horvath for supporting and introducing the motion to establish a Right to Counsel. As a renter, I strongly support a Right to Counsel ordinance. No one should ever be evicted without legal representation. Right to Counsel is about reducing homelessness, access to equity and justice in court, and the benefits that everyone experiences when our communities have housing stability. An eviction case will never be equitable if landlords are almost always represented and less than 10% of tenants have legal representation. Right to Counsel paired with strong eviction protections helps to level the playing field for tenants and landlords in court, stabilizes our communities to provide better outcomes for all residents, and creates cost savings through the prevention of increased displacement and homelessness. I urge you all to vote yes on the Right to Counsel Ordinance. Thank you.



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			Silvia Marroquin	<p>Right to Counsel is about racial justice and economic justice. A majority of tenants facing eviction are Black or People of Color, and Right to Counsel programs have been shown to improve racial justice outcomes of the eviction system.</p> <p>We applaud Supervisors Mitchell and Solis for introducing this motion and urge all Supervisors to vote in favor.</p>
			steph shaw	
		<b>Other</b>	Elissa Diaz	
		<b>Item Total</b>	<b>13</b>	



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