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			Allison Kirste	<p>Hi, my name is Allison Kirste, I am a tenant and I live in Supervisor district 3. I want to 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 as long as landlords are almost always represented and less than 10% of tenants have legal representation. Right to Counsel paired with strong eviction protections levels 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.</p> <p>I support a Right to Counsel for struggling renters because I have seen first hand the dangers tenants face when being evicted. I've witness neighbors face harassment from my own landlord for things as simple as requesting maintenance to fix their appliances. When my neighbor's and my own apartment were broken into, we were told by other neighbors not to make too big of an incident of it so as not to appear as a threat or nuisance to the management company. Tenants deserve to feel safe to advocate for themselves, and they certainly deserve to have adequate advocates to protect them from eviction and homelessness.</p> <p>We ask that the Board vote yes on the Right to Counsel Ordinance. Thank you.</p>



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			Javier Beltran	<p>Hi, my name is Javier Beltran, I am a tenant living in Supervisor District 5 and Deputy Director at Housing Rights Center. I want to thank Supervisor Mitchell's for her leadership as well as Supervisors Solis and Horvath for supporting and introducing the motion to establish a Right to Counsel. Housing Rights Center, as a member of the Right to Counsel Coalition, we 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 as long as landlords are almost always represented and less than 10% of tenants have legal representation. Right to Counsel paired with strong eviction protections levels 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. We ask that the Board vote Yes on the Right to Counsel Ordinance. Thank you.</p>
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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.
Maria Patino Gutierrez	Dear Board of Supervisors, My name is Maria and I am a tenant in District1. LA is facing an eviction crisis with nearly 50,000 eviction cases filed in Los Angeles in 2023, with cases continuing to increase this year. Without legal representation, tenants will wrongfully be evicted and the number of people who are homelessness will increase. Right to Counsel will save the County money. A 2019 report found that for every dollar invested in RTC, nearly \$4.53 will be saved by the County by preventing people from falling into homelessness and the costs associated: shelter costs, hospitalizations, school absences, healthcare, etc. Right to Counsel is about creating access to equity in courts. Landlords are nearly always represented while less than 10% of tenants receive legal representation. We applaud Supervisors Mitchell and Solis for introducing this motion and urge all Supervisors to vote in favor.			



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			Maya Donnelly	Hi, my name is Maya, I am a tenant and I live in Supervisor district #1. I want to 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 as long as landlords are almost always represented and less than 10% of tenants have legal representation. Right to Counsel paired with strong eviction protections levels 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. We ask that the Board vote yes on the Right to Counsel Ordinance. Thank you.
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			Victor Velasco	My name is Victor Velasco and I am an eviction defense Paralegal at Public Counsel, one of the Legal Service Providers within the StayHoused L.A. coalition. StayHoused L.A. has been able to offer legal representation to thousands of vulnerable tenants facing eviction that otherwise may not have had access to an attorney. However, our efforts and broad impact across the county still cannot compete with the fact that landlords are nearly always represented in all eviction cases while more than 90% of tenants are going to court without an attorney. What does this imbalance mean in practice? Many unrepresented tenants do not have the knowledge, resources, or skills to successfully navigate the complex court system or assert their legal rights. Last year you, the Board, moved forward with a Right to Counsel ordinance and I believe that some critical amendments would help us achieve our collective goal of keeping tenants housed. They include, and are not limited to, requiring landlords to provide Right to Counsel notices when landlords serve any eviction notice, create an affirmative defense for tenants when landlords fail to comply with requirements of this ordinance, and the ordinance needs to codify a Right to Counsel instead of creating a program. Legal representation in eviction cases needs to be a right and not a privilege if we want tenants to stay housed. Thank you to Supervisor Mitchell for your leadership on this issue, and Supervisors Solis and Horvath for introducing the motion to establish a Right to Counsel.
			Zella Knight	In the effort to erase the justice gap inequities, including racial seeking to have a metric develop that requires measurable outcome with ARDI principles and values, which will address the racial disparities in representation and direct services including all legal service programs who receive program contracts
			Other	Elissa Diaz
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