

PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
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7.		Favor	Ankur Roy	 I'm Ankur Roy, a constituent of Supervisorial District 1. I would like to thank Supervisors Horvath and Barger for requesting the extension of rent gouging protections. I believe that this is a very good first step, but that more action is needed now to ensure the enforcement of these protections. As a member of the Rent Bridgade tenant advocacy group, I've seen the sheer number of rent gouged listings increase, not decrease, over time since the wildfires. To date, there are more than 10,000 listings on zillow.com alone that exemplify rent gouging. This is unacceptable in a county still recovering from natural disasters and with an already burdened rental market. Yet almost no landlords have been charged with rent gouging by any authorities. I'm calling on increased transparency from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs on how they're enforcing rent gouging protections for tenants. I want the people of the county to know how many price gouging complaints DCBA have received, the average response time to open investigations, and details around the investigations as well as why they choose not to investigate complaints.
			CHRISTINE L RODRIGUEZ	My name is Christine Rodriguez with the Rent Brigade, and I'm here to speak on Agenda Item 7. I want to thank Supervisor Barger and Supervisor Horvath for taking action to extend rent gouging protections. While I agree that Price Gouging Protections must be extended NOW to protect those displaced from the fires, more is needed to ensure these protections are actually being enforced. To date, there have been over 10,000 instances of rent gouging in LA County. We demand transparency. We want to know what action is being taken to hold rent gougers accountable. Is the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs doing anything? How many complaints have they received? How many investigations are underway? Please extend the protections but please also do more to ensure this gets enforced.
			Emily Filkin	My name is Emily, I'm a tenant in the 2nd supervisorial district. Thank you Supervisor Barger and Supervisor Horvath for working to extend the rent gouging protections. It is essential that we extend these protections to prevent opportunistic profiteering from landlords as we recover from natural disaster. It is also essential that there be increased enforcement of this law. There have been over 10,000 violations and yet the District Attorney has filed 0 charges. We, as tenants, demand action from the District Attorney and we demand transparency from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to report on how many complaints they received and the status of these complaints.
			Emily Phillips	

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7.		Favor	Frida S Ibarra	
			Kendra A Miller	My name is Kendra A Miller with the Rent Brigade, and I'm writing in favor of Agenda Item 7 Extending Price Gouging Protectiosn for Housing. I want to thank Supervisor Barger and Supervisor Horvath for taking action to extend rent gouging protections. While I agree that Price Gouging Protections must be extended NOW to protect those displaced from the fires, more is needed to ensure these protections are actually being enforced. To date, there have been over 10,000 instances of rent gouging in LA County, and an extremely small number of people have been held accountable for breaking the law. I demand transparency. I want to know what action is being taken to hold landlards and rent gougers accountable. How many complaints have been received, and how many investigations are ongoing? Rent gouging continues to have a huge impact on the lives of Angelenos, as our data gathering has shown, and complaints are increasing in number. This illegal action must be stopped and I'm calling for enforcement officials to do more. Please extend the protections, which is necessary, but please also do more to make sure that these protections are actually enforced.
			Marcus Owens	
			Mitchell W Lerner	Please extend these much needed protections. And please do much more than simply extend them. Enforce them. There have been over 10,000 documented cases of rent gouging, with only 11 charges filed. Thank you very much for enacting these protections, but without enforcement they are hardly a deterrent for landlords acting in bad faith and praying upon vulnerable Angelenos. We need more transparency in order for these protections to have any impact. Please require DCBA to report back the following: # of complaints they received, # of investigations are underway, # of complaints escalated to the DA's office, what actions the DA has taken Thank you for your actions and your time. With transparency and accountability along with these extended protections, you can help rebuild and grow Los Angeles in an equitable and sustainable manner.

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