



Submit a public comment online to LA City Council in support of the Hillside Villa Tenants Association!

The Hillside Villa tenants are fighting for the city to take their building from the slumlord Tom Botz and keep it *permanently affordable*. This is something LA can do with “eminent domain,” a tool the city uses all the time to help big developers and the rich.

Right now, the city is considering a motion that would instruct various agencies to come up with the \$\$\$ to buy the building. We need to show them the people support Hillside Villa and are paying close attention.

1) Use this link to go to the page where you can submit your public comment:
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment/?cfnumber=20-0148-S2>.

You will need to submit your actual email -- see Step 3. Do not change the council file number that is already there (it should be 20-0148-S2).

2) Copy-and-paste the comment below -- or feel free to write your own!

I am writing in support of the Hillside Villa tenants of Chinatown who are fighting against massive rent increases that will evict them and force dozens of families into homelessness. The city must use eminent domain to keep this building permanently affordable.

We must keep families in their homes and off the streets, especially during the deadly COVID-19 pandemic. All the Hillside Villa tenants have been impacted by COVID-19 -- almost all have lost jobs and are deeper in poverty, having trouble affording food and medicine; many are currently sick with the virus; at least one tenant has already died because of it.

City leaders always throw their hands up and say they're trying to solve the homelessness crisis -- here's something they can do to prove it. Acquiring Hillside Villa will provide deeply affordable housing at a fraction of the cost it takes to build it. The city can easily afford \$45 million for 124 units -- look how much money you already give to the LAPD and to rich corporate developers, many of which are building in downtown with public subsidies, just across the freeway from Hillside Villa.

We know the city has plenty of money for the police and for eminent domain whenever it benefits rich people. Now you need to use it to help the poor. Keep Hillside Villa in their homes!

3) Submit your comment, and then check your email and click on the link to verify it.

Your comment will not go through unless you **verify it by checking your email and clicking on the link** they send you.