



## Email LA's Housing Department and City Administrative Office 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.

City Council has just officially passed a motion that would instruct various agencies in LA to find the \$\$\$ to buy the building. We need to show them the people support Hillside Villa and are paying close attention. We need them to understand that we expect them to do their job, find the money, and report back to City Council within 30 days.

**1) Send an email to these addresses: [ann.sewill@lacity.org](mailto:ann.sewill@lacity.org), [sean.spear@lacity.org](mailto:sean.spear@lacity.org), [daniel.huynh@lacity.org](mailto:daniel.huynh@lacity.org), [edwin.gipson@lacity.org](mailto:edwin.gipson@lacity.org), [douglas.swoger@lacity.org](mailto:douglas.swoger@lacity.org), [richard.llewellyn@lacity.org](mailto:richard.llewellyn@lacity.org).**

The first five are people within LA's Housing Department (HCIDLA), and the last is the City Administrative Officer. You can send just one email addressed to all of them.

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

*SUBJECT: Find The Money For Hillside Villa!*

*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.*

*City Council has formally requested city departments find the money for Hillside Villa and report back within 30 days -- the community is watching and we are here to hold you accountable to this.*

*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 the city already gives 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.*

*Keep Hillside Villa in their homes!*