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Councilmember Lee Joins Coalition of Small Rental Property Owners to Demand Action Eviction Moratorium

Los Angeles – Today, Councilmember John Lee, alongside members of the “Small Rental Property Owners” coalition held a press conference demanding action on Los Angeles’ eviction moratorium.

“We are demanding that the Housing Department issue the report on the Eviction Moratorium that includes an official end date. By taking this simple step we can provide at least a little reprieve to these small property owners who are unfairly shouldering the worst aspects of this policy,” said Councilmember John Lee. “This moratorium should not be used as a band-aid to resolve the structural issues of the past but that is exactly what we are doing every time we choose to extend it.”

In the City of Los Angeles, COVID-19 led to the implementation of an eviction moratorium, allowing people to stay in their homes without needing to pay rent immediately and removing the possibility of being evicted for non-payment. This was critical during a time where so many people were out of work but two years later, the city remains one of the only places in California that continues to extend the moratorium. During this critical time when Los Angeles has placed a priority on expanding housing opportunities for Angelenos, Small Rental Property Owners provide safe, affordable and critical housing units- units that need to be preserved. Losing these property owners will only worsen Los Angeles’ severe housing crisis.

Diane Robertson, Co-Founder of the Coalition of Small Rental Property owners stated, “We implore our Los Angeles City Council to stop making rental property owners the scapegoat, to stop forcing us to bear the burden of a global pandemic, to stop making us responsible for the City’s homelessness crisis. The policies and legislation over the past 3 years have put at risk the small rental property industry, the very industry that has historically provided the much-needed affordable housing in our City.”

The City Council awaits a report from the Los Angeles Housing Department in response to a motion that Councilmember Lee supported back in February.

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Los Angeles City Councilmember John Lee represents the Twelfth Council District in the Northwest San Fernando Valley which includes the communities of Northridge, Chatsworth, Granada Hills, North Hills West, West Hills, Porter Ranch, and Sherwood Forest.