

The Coalition for Economic Survival is providing its full support and assistance to the Barrington Plaza Tenants effort to stop this unjust evictions



Tenants At Rent-Controlled Barrington Plaza Aren't Going Without A Fight

By Victoria Ivie - Aug 10, 2023

In May, residents of the 712-unit Barrington Plaza in West L.A. were told they had only months to move out. Faced with losing their rent-controlled apartments, they're not going quietly.

Chanting "Corporate greed has got to go," more than 50 people on Thursday, many of them tenants, protested outside the corporate office of their landlord, Douglas Emmett Inc., in Santa Monica.



When it's all said and done, it will be one of the largest mass evictions in the L.A. region in years, at a time when the affordable housing crisis continues to deepen.

"We're here to try and fight to keep our homes," said Michelle Kunzelmann, a Barrington Plaza tenant of five years. "It seems like they're doing this to get out of rent stabilization, which is going to no doubt add to the homeless and housing crisis in L.A."



Douglas Emmett issued the eviction notices in May, citing the need to install badly needed fire suppression upgrades, like water lines.

"Although the future use of Barrington Plaza remains uncertain, the buildings will undergo life safety improvements over the next several years — a good thing for the safety and security of whatever future use is made of the buildings in light of two tragic fires that



occurred on-site in the last ten years,” Douglas Emmett spokesperson Eric Rose said in a statement.

But multiple tenants at the protest said they felt Douglas Emmett was taking advantage of the Ellis Act, a state law that allows landlords to issue evictions if they plan to close down the rental operation. However, developers and landowners have used loopholes in the law to convert rentals into for-sale condominiums.

Larry Gross, executive director of the [Coalition for Economic Survival](#), has been assisting tenants with their resistance, and said Douglas Emmett has “no intention of going out of the rental business.”



The Barrington Plaza Tenants Association has filed a lawsuit against Douglas Emmett to block the evictions. And a judge is slated on Tuesday to hear arguments over whether the evictions should be put on hold until the legal outcome is settled.



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Former Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin, who represented Barrington Plaza’s district, was at the protest Thursday. He told LAist he fears that if the mass eviction goes through, around 54 buildings in L.A. could decide to follow suit, affecting “thousands of families.”

Gross said he fears similar consequences.

“This city is facing a huge housing crisis and homeless crisis. We cannot afford to lose 712 rent-controlled apartments,” he said. “If we’re really serious about dealing with our affordable housing and homeless crisis, then we have to make sure people are not thrown out on the streets and existing affordable housing is demolished.



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Thank You Supporters

Thank you to the organizations and supporters who attended this protest. Joining the Barrington Plaza Tenants and the Coalition for Economic Survival were former LA City Council member Mike Bonin, Former Santa Monica Mayor Denny Zane, Santa Monica Rent Board Chairperson Anastasia Roark Foster, Civil Rights Attorney Marissa Roy, Housing is a Human Right/AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, UNITE HERE - Local 11, United to House LA, MoveLA, Santa Monica Democratic Club, SAJE, DSA, LATU-Westside, Lincoln Place Tenants Association, POWER, Ground Game & Inquilinos Unidos.

JOIN BARRINGTON PLAZA TENANTS AT THEIR COURT HEARING TO HALT THE EVICTIONS NEXT TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 AT 1:30 PM. DETAILS BELOW.


Attend the Court Hearing to Put a Halt to the Unjust Barrington Plaza Tenant Mass Evictions!

Renters have filed a lawsuit in LA Superior Court which seeks to stop the mass eviction of Barrington Plaza tenants based on a state law that allows landlords to evict if they plan to remove the units from the rental market. The suit claims Douglas Emmett Inc. is in violation of the state Ellis Act it is using as a basis to evict tenants.



A court hearing is now set on a preliminary injunction motion to decide on halting evictions pending the outcome of the tenants' case. Attend the hearing to Support the Barrington Plaza tenants.



Tuesday, August 15
1:30 pm 
Department 85
LA County Superior Court
110 N Grand Ave, Downtown LA.

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CES on TV **Apartment Association Sue City of LA to Eliminate Rent Freeze**

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The Apartment Association of Greater LA is asking a judge to overturn the rent hike freeze, saying that inflation has taken a toll on its members who are struggling to make a profit.

Tenant rights groups say the freeze is still needed because the average tenant is behind about three months in rent, totaling about \$6,000 in rent payments.



Larry Gross with the [Coalition for Economic Survival](#) says the lawsuit is frivolous, but not surprising. "The Apartment Association files unsuccessful lawsuits, challenging rent control and tenants' rights as often as you get those annoying

solicitation marketing calls," said Gross.

He anticipates a sizable increase in evictions once the rent freeze expires.

"We're on track to a real economic crisis beyond anything we can imagine. The solution is to keep people in place" said Gross.

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\$ You Can Help Support the \$ Barrington Plaza Mass Eviction Fight

**More Help And Support is
Needed for the Barrington
Plaza Tenant Fight to Stop This
Unjust Ellis Act Eviction**

The Coalition for Economic Survival (CES) sees the important fight of the Barrington Plaza Tenant Association as a fight that is critical to all renters in the City of Los Angeles. If this landlord is successful in it's illegal use of the state Ellis Act it could open the door for other tenants to face similar evictions. These evictions must be stopped! That is why these tenants have CES' fully support and we urge they receive the support of every tenant and tenant organization in the city.

The law suit against this multi-million dollar corporation is likely to be expensive.

You can help by donating to the Barrington Plaza Tenants GoFundMe Account to help them maintain a legal effort to fight their eviction.

Support the Barrington Plaza Tenants Efforts to Stop Their Unjust Ellis Eviction

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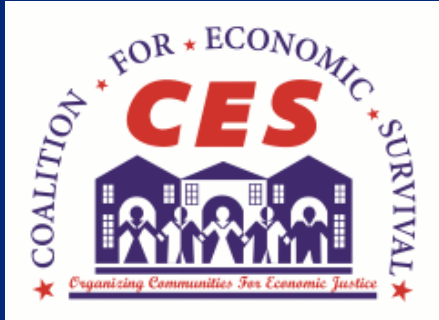
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