

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Public Comments - 4/14 Rental Assistance Item

---

**From:** Leslie Ginsburg Connors [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 1:55 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bevin Handel <[bhandel@claremontca.gov](mailto:bhandel@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I pray they keep the program. I will never be able to afford the rent. I don't know what to do.

## Melanie Martinez

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** ISLAM اسلام [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 1:59 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bevin Handel <[bhandel@claremontca.gov](mailto:bhandel@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello

"Dear City Council, I am writing to you because our family consists of six members, including four children. All the children are in school, and my spouse and I are both employed; however, our income is extremely low, and housing rent is prohibitively expensive for us. We ask that you continue to support our family, as without this assistance, we would be unable to provide our children with stable and safe housing. Thank you in advance for your attention."

Vugar.

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** Tanja N. Irvine [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 2:06 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the continuation of the Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program. This program plays a critical role in helping residents, such as myself, maintain stability during times of housing uncertainty, and its impact on individuals and families in our community cannot be overstated. Programs like this provide a necessary safety net, allowing people to remain housed, avoid homelessness, and transition more smoothly when relocation becomes unavoidable.

Beyond the immediate benefit to myself and others, the program also contributes to the overall health and stability of our community. Keeping residents housed supports local schools, businesses, and neighborhoods.

I urge the Council to prioritize funding and continuation of this program. Investing in housing stability is not only compassionate—it is essential for a thriving city.

*Tanja N. Irvine*

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** Joseph Coussa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 2:27 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Katie:

Concerning: Joseph Coussa  
[REDACTED]  
Claremont, CA 91711

I appreciate your update on the "Tenant Protections" and "Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization"

This program has been very helpful. I would definitely like to have the assistance continue beyond June 30, 2026.

Thank You  
Joseph Coussa

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Public Comment

---

**From:** Gloria Cruz 😊 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 2:36 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:**

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Gratitude for Housing Assistance Program. To whom it may concern  
I have been receiving support from the Claremont Temporary housing Stabilization and Relocation program.and I would like to extend my sincere gratitude .These program has been incredibly helpful specially with the raising cost of living .the assistance I've received has made a meaningful difference for me and has provided much stability during this time .Thank you for continued support and for offering such an important resource to the community.  
Sincerely Gloria Cruz  
Sent from my iPhone

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** AOL Inc [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 2:58 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I am a single mom and the rental assistance really helps me since I'm not getting child support

## Melanie Martinez

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** S.Nabil Shamim [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 3:00 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bevin Handel <[bhandel@claremontca.gov](mailto:bhandel@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Thank you for the update  
Actually, my family members are thankful from your great support during this period  
As you know the rent of houses and apartments Are to much in Claremont city.  
And by your support at least I found the opportunity to put some foot on the table of my family.  
Hope we will find such as supports in the future.  
With best regards

[REDACTED]

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** Katie Cesario [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 3:48 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi Katie,

Please see my comment below. I would truly appreciate additional funds for tenant rental assistance as this program has significantly helped and supported our family of 6.

The City of Claremont rental assistance has been a critical support for our family over the past 1-2 years, allowing us to consistently meet our monthly rent, while I balance being a full-time college student, full-time employee, and parent to a family of 6. This support has stabilized our household budget, enabling us to meet our children's needs, and we would be deeply grateful for consideration of continued assistance through the end of the year.

## Melanie Martinez

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** Nancy Connors [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 3:59 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bevin Handel <[bhandel@claremontca.gov](mailto:bhandel@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello! I am a recipient of funds through the rent stabilization program. I am part of the “extremely low income” category. If additional funds are not allocated to continue this program, I do not believe that I will be able to continue living in the city of Claremont. I consider myself so fortunate to be in such a beautiful community. As a senior, it is so important to feel safe and recognized by my city as a welcomed resident and I would be brokenhearted to leave this lovely city. Unfortunately, I cannot afford the prevailing rental rates in LA county and when my rent increased, I was so incredibly happy to learn that Claremont offered the rent stabilization program. It has been a God send to my life. Thank you so much for your consideration! I hope to live here till the end of my days!

Sent from my iPhone - please forgive any typos!

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** Jake Ingram [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 5:42 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Claremont City Council,

My name is Jacob Ingram, and I am a resident of Claremont currently facing severe financial hardship. I am disabled and unable to work due to serious medical conditions, and I am currently waiting on decisions related to Social Security disability benefits and workers' compensation. During this delay, my income has stopped, and I am now at risk of losing my housing. I have already received a 3-day notice and am struggling to keep my utilities on and avoid losing my car.

Programs like the Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program are not just helpful—they are critical for people like me who are doing everything they can to stay afloat while navigating long delays in benefits. Without continued funding, individuals in situations like mine will fall through the cracks, leading to homelessness and further hardship. I respectfully urge the City Council to allocate additional funds to continue this program beyond June 2026.

This support would make the difference between stability and homelessness for me and many others in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jacob Ingram

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** marie rocke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 5:56 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bevin Handel <[bhandel@claremontca.gov](mailto:bhandel@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Thank you Katie for keeping me updated, would like the city council to consider allocating additional funds to the claremont temporary housing stabilization program, with everything being so high the cost of living, rent food ,gas,everything s higher our rent just went up again also 50 more dollars per month a lot of us are on fixed incomes but love living in this city of claremont , but these higher cost make it very hard, a lot of us are struggling just to make ends meet, please consider allocating additional funds for this program, thank you for your attention to this housing stabilization program. .  
Marie Rocke

## Melanie Martinez

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** Faye Schoborg [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 8:05 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bevin Handel <[bhandel@claremontca.gov](mailto:bhandel@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I would like to submit this comment for consideration by the City Council at April 14, 2026 meeting.

I am currently receiving funds from the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program.

I have had my rent raised annually for the last few years. I was told the building I am in [REDACTED] was built as “low income housing” but it doesn’t seem to be true. Along with this I have suffered from the rise in groceries and everything else we all endure. I am on Social Security and received alimony. My actual rent is about half my income from both.

This program enables me to stay in my apartment. Without it I could easily join the unhoused population. I am elderly and on my own. PLEASE CONTINUE funding the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program beyond June 2026. I know others in similar or worse circumstances. This is a life saving program.

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration to my plea.

Faye Schoborg

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Rental Assistance

---

**From:** Joseph Wisner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2026 11:32 AM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

To City Of Claremont Council Chamber

I support the City of Claremont to allocate some funds for the Temporary Housing Stabilization Program, it's very helpful for a lot of people like me. I will look forward to attending or watching the meeting on April 14 via Zoom. This program is very important for a lot of low income people in our community.

Best Regards

Joseph, Wisner

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** Paula Corley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2026 1:42 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello Katie,

It is my pleasure to let you know how this is helping people on this program as well as myself. It may seem like something small to some, but it has been a blessing in helping to have a better quality of life. With the rising cost of food, rent, medical insurance as well as medicine, this has been more of a help than I could have ever imagined.

It would be very much appreciated if the City Council would consider allocating funds to the Claremont Temporary Stabilization & Relocation Program.

Thanks in advance as well as for always keeping us informed.  
Paula

Claremont City Council members

Kindly accept this comment to extend and/or fund the Claremont Housing Rental Assistance program into the upcoming budget consideration.

As a Claremont resident since 2016 living in the same property, and a recipient of this program for the last 12+ months, it has been a life-saver for me. I have been evaluated as a resident in the category of “extremely low income”, due to a fixed income. The property management has changed in the last three years and continues increasing rents at minimum of 9-10 percent annually. Plus, the addition of the utilities charged directly to tenants (water & trash) without basis for number of occupants per unit, is baffling for me.

All of this has created a hardship for me personally.

I am active in the community and treat my rental as my home taking pride in “ownership” and taking good care of it as I wish to continue to do so into the future. Living in Claremont is very special and I never take it for granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Schultz

March 27, 2026

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**From:** Missy Hayes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2026 6:44 AM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

(Thursday) 2 April 2026'

Katie,

“ I Really DON'T WANT To Leave” (Gorgeous & Safe)  
Claremont, Ca

Thank You 🙏 So Much For Allowing Me To Feel & Stay SAFE In Claremont For The Past “5” Year’s And I (Really) Don’t Have A “Backup Plan” To LEAVE NEXT Year & I Hope 🙏 To God After Your Staff Meeting This Month There Might Be An “INCREASE” In Your Budget That Might Be A Way For People Like Me That Are “Disabled” On “Social Security Disability” Can Be (Allowed) To STAY In:

“Claremont, Ca”

Katie,

I Get Stronger & Feel “Completely Safe” And Protected In Such A “Wonderful 🏡 City” Like Claremont So I “Don’t Have To” Feel Alone 😊

Thank You 🙏 Sooooo Much For Your Consideration

Best Regard’s,  
La Shetha (Missy) Smith 😊

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** Christy Nicholson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2026 11:30 AM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bevin Handel <[bhandel@claremontca.gov](mailto:bhandel@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello Katie -

Thank you for the update and your support!

Please accept this written public comment for the City Council's consideration at the April 14 meeting regarding the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program:

As long-time Claremont residents, the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program has been incredibly helpful in managing our rental expenses. As the economy has gradually recovered from the pandemic, rental costs have increased significantly. Additionally, economic challenges such as tariffs and rising gas and food prices have added to the uncertainty. In this context, the support provided by the program has been essential and greatly appreciated.

We sincerely appreciate the support and hope that further funding will be provided to extend the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program.

Thank you-

Christine

--

Christine Nicholson  
[REDACTED]

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** Rosanne Sloane [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2026 1:34 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I am a retired school teacher living in senior housing in Claremont. Without this grant, I would have no home. Because of the rent assistance? I can still enjoy being a lifelong Claremont resident. Without this grant? I might very well be homeless or in a small room in surrounding communities that do not have senior services that we have at Joycelyn senior in this town.

This grant also exists as a watch guard for apartments with substandard conditions. I received help from Katie Wand to call for two inspections due to hazards to health. Unsafe protection and two infestations of cockroaches.

As a result of the inspections, the management was forced to secure the building and get rid of the pests.

This grant has given me a safe place to live, help with hazards so many seniors deal with but more? Without this grant I would be forced out of my home.

Please keep allowing seniors to be housed safely, affordably by the magical Katie Wand.

A personal thank you to Katie for all her kindness in all the problems I encountered. SHE is the grant and she has such a deep commitment to our community.

Thank you so much Katie. Please consider these issues at your meeting to continue to fund this amazing lifesaving program.

## Melanie Martinez

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** hassan haytham [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2026 12:55 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>; Bevin Handel <[bhandel@claremontca.gov](mailto:bhandel@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello Katie,  
Good day,  
Please find my comment below:

I am writing to express that the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program has been extremely helpful to me. Without this support, I would face significant difficulty maintaining stable housing. I sincerely urge the City Council to consider allocating additional funds, as I truly cannot continue without this program being extended.

Thank you for your consideration.

Hassan Haytham  
[REDACTED]

---

[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 10:46 PM  
**To:** Bevin Handel <[bhandel@claremontca.gov](mailto:bhandel@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

Hello,

You are receiving this email because you have previously contacted the City of Claremont regarding Tenant Protections and/or the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program.

On **Tuesday, April 14, 2026**, during its regular meeting the City Council will consider allocating additional funds to the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program. While the City stopped accepting new program applications on January 31, 2026, there will not be any disruption to those currently receiving monthly subsidy checks through June 2026, which is when funding will exhaust unless additional funds are allocated. **If you would like to submit written public comment regarding this matter for the City Council's consideration, please respond directly to this email and I will attach your comment to the staff report, which will be published on Thursday, April 9, 2026.**

The **April 14, 2026** Council meeting, which will begin at **6:30pm in the Claremont City Council Chamber (225 W. Second Street)**, will be open to the public for in-person attendance. During the meeting, there will be an opportunity for in-person public comment (up to three minutes per speaker). The meeting will also be live streamed via Zoom, technology permitting. Members of the public will not be able to provide public comment via Zoom. To watch the meeting via

Zoom, you can use the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/256208090>. To listen via telephone, please dial (213) 338-8477, Webinar ID: 256 208 090. The recorded meeting will be uploaded to the City website and archived.

Please feel free to share this information with others!

Thank you,



**Katie Wand | Deputy City Manager**

City of Claremont | Administrative Services Department

City Manager's Office

207 Harvard Avenue | Claremont, CA 91711

(909) 399-5454 | [KWand@claremontca.gov](mailto:KWand@claremontca.gov)

[www.claremontca.gov](http://www.claremontca.gov) | Follow Us! @CityofClaremont



Please consider the environment before printing this email.



The City has a New Website & Staff Email Addresses:

Visit us at [www.claremontca.gov](http://www.claremontca.gov)

Please add my new email to your contacts list.

## Disclaimer

The information contained in this communication from the sender is confidential. It is intended solely for use by the recipient and others authorized to receive it. If you are not the recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution or taking action in relation of the contents of this information is strictly prohibited and may be unlawful.

This email has been scanned for viruses and malware, and may have been automatically archived by Mimecast, a leader in email security and cyber resilience. Mimecast integrates email defenses with brand protection, security awareness training, web security, compliance and other essential capabilities. Mimecast helps protect large and small organizations from malicious activity, human error and technology failure; and to lead the movement toward building a more resilient world. To find out more, visit our website.

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** Ashley Mora [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2026 10:05 AM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the continued funding of the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program. As someone who grew up in the City of Claremont, this community has always been my home. Claremont has shaped my education and values, and it is a major factor in my decision to pursue higher education here.

I am currently a Doctor of Occupational Therapy student attending Keck Graduate Institute, one of the Claremont Colleges. My education is focused on helping individuals and families maintain independence, health, and stability in their daily lives. Stable housing is a basic need and is essential for overall well-being, participation in daily activities, and the ability to succeed academically and professionally.

This program currently supports me, enabling me to remain in the city and focus on my education without added financial stress. I am a full-time student and also work part-time to support myself. This assistance has helped me remain in Claremont and continue my education. Without this support, it would be much more difficult to stay in the community and work toward my goals.

Programs like the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program play an important role in supporting residents during times of financial uncertainty. Continuing funding will help ensure that students and community members can remain stable and continue contributing to Claremont.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warmly,

Ashley Mora

On Wed, Mar 25, 2026 at 1:47 PM Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)> wrote:

Hello,

You are receiving this email because you have previously contacted the City of Claremont regarding Tenant Protections and/or the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program.

On **Tuesday, April 14, 2026**, during its regular meeting the City Council will consider allocating additional funds to the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program. While the City stopped accepting new program applications on January 31, 2026, there will not be any disruption to those currently receiving monthly subsidy checks through June 2026, which is when funding will exhaust unless additional funds are allocated. **If you would like to submit written public comment regarding this matter for the City Council's consideration, please respond directly to this email and I will attach your comment to the staff report**, which will be published on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

The **April 14, 2026** Council meeting, which will begin at **6:30pm in the Claremont City Council Chamber (225 W. Second Street)**, will be open to the public for in-person attendance. During the meeting, there will be an opportunity for in-person public comment (up to three minutes per speaker). The meeting will also be live streamed via Zoom, technology permitting. Members of the public will not be able to provide public comment via Zoom. To watch the meeting via Zoom, you can use the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/256208090>. To listen via telephone, please dial (213) 338-8477, Webinar ID: 256 208 090. The recorded meeting will be uploaded to the City website and archived.

Please feel free to share this information with others!

Thank you,



**Katie Wand | Deputy City Manager**

City of Claremont | Administrative Services Department

City Manager's Office

207 Harvard Avenue | Claremont, CA 91711

(909) 399-5454 | [KWand@claremontca.gov](mailto:KWand@claremontca.gov)

[www.claremontca.gov](http://www.claremontca.gov) | Follow Us! @CityofClaremont



Please consider the environment before printing this email.



The City has a New Website & Staff Email Addresses:

Visit us at [www.claremontca.gov](http://www.claremontca.gov)

Please add my new email to your contacts list.

**Disclaimer**

The information contained in this communication from the sender is confidential. It is intended solely for use by the recipient and others authorized to receive it. If you are not the recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution or taking action in relation of the contents of this information is strictly prohibited and may be unlawful.

This email has been scanned for viruses and malware, and may have been automatically archived by Mimecast, a leader in email security and cyber resilience. Mimecast integrates email defenses with brand protection, security awareness training, web security, compliance and other essential capabilities. Mimecast helps protect large and small organizations from malicious activity, human error and technology failure; and to lead the movement toward building a more resilient world. To find out more, visit our website.

## Melanie Martinez

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** Deborah Robbins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026 8:29 AM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello Ms. Wand,

If it is not too late, would you please include the below comment, if you think it appropriate. Thank you for all you and your department have done to administer this program to us.

“Dear City Council Members,

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your previous allocation of funds that made this housing program available to us. You could have allocated the funds obtained from the original source for different purposes, but you graciously elected to use them to fill this need you were sensitive to. It has motivated me to appreciatively do what I can to give back to the community. Even if you cannot allocate funds from another source to continue the program, you obviously have a desire to do so, and I thank you for kindly considering it at your upcoming meeting.”

(4-8-26)

Dear Honorable Council Members,

I have lived in Claremont since 1990. I have always been a tenant. I make a living as a teacher and live in a complex of several small cottages. I am grateful to have been a beneficiary of the City's rental assistance program for almost a year now, and am concerned this assistance will end in June. My full rent is over 50% of my income and this assistance has been critical. I urge the city to extend this rental assistance program.

Thank you,

Mike Boos

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Housing Stabilization Program

---

**From:** Ina Haugen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026 2:48 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Housing Stabilization Program

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I'm an over 20 year resident of Claremont who is also a renter. Although my rent has more than doubled over the years, I have fortunately been able to pay it. That isn't the case for all Claremont renters and is why the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization & Relocation Program is so important. Continued funding of this program is essential to enable families to stay housed. Our city council needs to show support for renters of all income levels and particularly those who need the subsidy to stay housed in Claremont. In addition to continued funding of this program, passing citywide rent stabilization will help Claremont remain a vibrant city for people of all income levels.

Ina Haugen [REDACTED]

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Housing Stabilization Program

---

**From:** Ina Haugen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026 2:48 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Housing Stabilization Program

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I'm an over 20 year resident of Claremont who is also a renter. Although my rent has more than doubled over the years, I have fortunately been able to pay it. That isn't the case for all Claremont renters and is why the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization & Relocation Program is so important. Continued funding of this program is essential to enable families to stay housed. Our city council needs to show support for renters of all income levels and particularly those who need the subsidy to stay housed in Claremont. In addition to continued funding of this program, passing citywide rent stabilization will help Claremont remain a vibrant city for people of all income levels.

Ina Haugen [REDACTED]

## Melanie Martinez

---

**Subject:** FW: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

---

**From:** Jonathan Estes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026 10:50 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update - City of Claremont Rental Assistance

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello Katie, I wonder if you could be so kind to attach this to your staff report to the city council.

Claremont, temporary housing stabilization and relocation program – additional funding.

Madam Mayor and honorable council members –

Hello, my name is Captain Jonathan Estes. I'd like to start by telling you a little bit about myself...

I'm a citizen of Claremont, a community member, and product of the Claremont Unified School District- beginning with Sycamore school under Dick Kirkendall as principal, where in the early 60s I spent many hours in his office contemplating the consequences of my misguided mischief.

1970 El Roble, where I was elected the editor of the yearbook. We had a lot to say and even more to put in print!– Go Panthers!

Claremont High '74 under Alex Hughes as principal, where I was a Varsity Letterman and the President of the Interact Club– winning the interact scholarship. Go Wolfpack!. And finally under the direct educational supervision of the late Mrs. Margo Estes (my mom) with her 35 year tenure at Condit elementary teaching fifth and sixth grade before retiring in 1996 and passing away two days before last Christmas.

All before I went to Sea for 30 years as a Merchant Mariner retiring early as a Senior Captain, but always coming home to visit my folks and making sure to be here on the Fourth of July!

Much is changed over those many decades, but the sense of small town charm, academia on its highest level and true Southern California spirit remains ingrained into the road map of my life.

Claremont is my HOMETOWN!

Today I am a grateful recipient of the now dwindling benefits provided by the Claremont Rental Assistance Program and have been for the last couple years.

In looking at this I would like to call attention to the portion of our community who are Low Income Seniors living on Social Security of which I am a member and thereby, acutely affected by the housing crisis.

I won't belabor the degree to which this group has obviously been afflicted by the out of control housing market and associated other negative factors, but I will say is that the benefits this program has provided have immensely helped to make it possible for me to, at least stay in my residence so far... And I must say we are all brimming with gratitude to the entire community for providing this essential lifestyle saving assistance.

Now, If I'm not wrong the actual "heart and soul" of our community are all very much in favor of extending this essential program.

If so, then the question before us is not if to continue this program, but how to acquire and direct the funds to keep it going. To that, I'm looking to you our elected representatives, our city council.

If I am wrong, then I fear all the rhetoric in the world sighting, dire need, lofty moralities and a city's elemental responsibility to take care of its most needy and vulnerable would sadly only fall on death ears... However, if that is the case I would ask for, no demand to hear the reason why? How in the world could that be so. What happened to my beloved Claremont that has caused it to fall so far from its original charter and roots?... But let's focus on the former. I am by nature an optimist. I have confidence in our community and faith in my fellow man. I can tell you not only from personal experience, but anecdotally from essentially every recipient of this program that I have encountered- The program is working. The program is essential. The program is making a significant difference. And in a very real sense, the program is a lifesaver!

In closing, my challenge to you, our elected representatives is to consider the true weight of your responsibility to serve not a city, but a people. The humans that reside in our community. The people that make their lives here. The people that make Claremont the home for their families. The the generations of folks who themselves have served the community making Claremont unique and wonderful! I empor you to come together and muster the courage and fortitude to take the positive and forceful action to - make this happen.

I thank you for your time

Sent from my iPhone

## Melanie Martinez

---

**Subject:** FW: Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program.

---

**From:** Debbie Aud [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026 10:37 PM  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@ci.claremont.ca.us](mailto:kwand@ci.claremont.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program.

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

April 8, 2026

City Council/City of Claremont

I am writing on behalf of myself and other residents currently receiving assistance through the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program.

Over the past several years, our rent has increased annually. While we reside in Claremont Senior Villas, which is intended to provide low-income housing, the reality is that affordability has become increasingly difficult for many of us.

Like countless others, we have also been affected by the rising costs of groceries, gas/transportation and other essential needs. Many residents rely primarily on Social Security as their sole source of income, making these financial pressures even more challenging.

This program has made it possible for us to remain in our homes. Without this support, many of us would face the very real risk of housing instability or even homelessness. Residents are elderly and most live alone, which makes this assistance not just helpful, but essential.

We respectfully urge you to continue funding the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program beyond June 2026. We understand that many individuals and families are in need, but this program has proven to be truly life-sustaining for our community.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued commitment to supporting vulnerable residents.

Per the following residents at Claremont Senior Villas

[REDACTED]  
Claremont, CA 91711

Debra Aud [REDACTED]  
Mary Helen Moreno [REDACTED]  
Steven and Linda Ruiz [REDACTED]  
Javier Zavala [REDACTED]  
Patricia Marquez [REDACTED]  
Gina Ulrich [REDACTED]  
Vera Ulrich [REDACTED]

Dorothie Ulrich [REDACTED]  
Jose Estevez [REDACTED]  
Della Garcia [REDACTED]  
Diane Romo [REDACTED]  
Ernie Maestas [REDACTED]  
Ellis Clark Sr. [REDACTED]  
Susan Barge [REDACTED]  
Dawn Ulrich [REDACTED]

Also please include  
Celia Pulido

[REDACTED]  
Claremont, CA 91711

**Melanie Martinez**

---

**Subject:** FW: Public Comment for 4/14/26 Meeting

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Stephen Zeller [REDACTED]  
**Date:** April 9, 2026 at 9:48:34 AM PDT  
**To:** Katie Wand <[kwand@claremontca.gov](mailto:kwand@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Public Comment for 4/14/26 Meeting

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,

Below is my public comment for the upcoming city council meeting:

Dear Council Members,

I am a Claremont homeowner writing in support of the families in this city who are being affected by your removal of rent stabilization.

Rent increases that outpace wages don't create hardship in the abstract. They force specific choices: which bill goes unpaid, whether to pull kids out of school mid-year, and whether to leave the city entirely. When households spend more than 30% of their income on rent, those choices become routine. That is what is happening here.

Claremont's diversity is not a backdrop. It is the result of people from different incomes, backgrounds, and circumstances being able to afford to live here. Displacement doesn't announce itself. It accumulates, household by household, until the city looks and functions differently. The families leaving don't come back. Neither does what they contributed.

The rental assistance program keeps that from happening for the people who need it most. Cutting it or letting it lapse without a permanent funding solution is a decision with consequences that will outlast this budget cycle.

I urge the Council to allocate funds to continue the program, establish a permanent funding structure, and pass rent stabilization to prevent more households from reaching the point where assistance is their only option.

Thank you for your time,

Stephen Zeller

**Subject: Support for Rental Assistance Extension & Rent Stabilization Discussion**

Dear Mayor Jennifer Stark and City Council Members,

I write to you as a mother of two and a resident of Claremont since 2020. This city has become our *home* — where our daughters are growing, learning, and building *meaningful roots*.

For over a two-year period here, our family endured an overwhelming challenge as I battled an aggressive cancer. Through surgeries, treatments, and long uncertainty, this community held us up with compassion and support. In late 2025, I was *blessed* to be cancer-free. We remain deeply grateful — not only for health, but for *this* community.

Today, rising rent threatens our ability to remain here. Like many families, we face yearly increases that outpace our income, and we now spend more than 30% of what we earn on housing. The rental assistance program has been a lifeline, helping us stay stable during an *extraordinarily* difficult time.

With respect and urgency, I ask the Council to:

- Extend the rental assistance program
- Identify a permanent funding source
- Agendize discussion of a rent stabilization ordinance

Please help families like ours remain in the community we love. ***I do not want my daughters to grow up elsewhere because we were priced out of the place that shaped them.***

This is not just a policy question. It is about whether families who have poured their hearts into this city — who have weathered illness, uncertainty, and hardship here — are able to stay and continue contributing to it. I believe they should be, and I hope you do too.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your compassion.

With gratitude and respect,

Perla Loera

*Claremont Resident since 2020*

Subject: Support for Rental Assistance Extension & Rent Stabilization Discussion

Dear Mayor Jennifer Stark and City Council Members,

My wife and I are raising our two young daughters here in Claremont, where we have lived as tenants in a complex in South Claremont since 2020. This community has become *home* in every meaningful sense — our children are growing, learning, and *building their lives here*, and we are *deeply* invested in staying.

Like many families, we have faced steady rent increases that outpace our income. During our time here we have received yearly rent increases that exceed our wage increases and now pay more than 30% of our income in rent. Receiving the rental assistance program has been a way to afford staying in our apartment here in Claremont as our kids attend school and we all build community here.

We are doing everything we can — working, studying, and striving to build a stable future — but the rising cost of housing is placing *real*, increasing, and undue strain on our ability to remain in the community we love.

The rental assistance program has provided a *critical* bridge during this season. It has helped families like ours maintain stability and continuity for our children, especially in their education and social development.

I respectfully urge the Council to:

- Allocate additional funds to extend the rental assistance program in the immediate term
- Identify a permanent funding source to sustain this essential support
- Agendize a discussion on a city rent stabilization ordinance to protect working families from being priced out

This is not just about housing — it is about preserving the fabric of families who contribute to this city every day and want to continue doing so.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration.

Respectfully,

Mario Loera  
*Claremont Resident since 2020*



April 9, 2026

Dear Mayor Stark, Vice Mayor Reece, Councilmembers Calaycay, Leano, and Medina,

We are calling on you to allocate existing funds to **extend the funding** of Claremont's Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program and to **identify permanent funding** sources to make the program permanent.

Receiving support for monthly housing costs has been a lifeline for many of the 200+ households enrolled in the program. We hear first hand from families being able to buy groceries, basic care products, and even medicine again as a result of the breathing room created by the City's direct subsidy payments to landlords toward their rent bill. While many of the enrolled participants experienced a temporary qualifying situation and have transitioned off of the need for support, this is a long-term problem for many of the current households receiving assistance since they are severely rent burdened and already full-time employed. Transitioning them to a 6-month county program is not an option if housing stability is the goal.

Claremont residents along with a majority of voters from across LA County agreed to the ½ cent sales tax increase of Measure A because of the stated mission to "continue progress on ending homelessness with housing and services, while greatly expanding efforts to **address the drivers of homelessness** through affordable housing construction, homelessness prevention, and **support for vulnerable renters.**" The tax has now been in effect for just over one year. How have we as a city applied to use our share of the \$1 billion raised to help fulfill the mission of addressing the drivers of homelessness right here in Claremont?

Let's work together to promote meeting Goal 4: Prevent people from falling into homelessness.

Here are a few of the recommendations our members see as part of homelessness prevention here:

- Fund permanent rental assistance for the most vulnerable renters in Claremont
- Pass a lower maximum yearly rent increase cap in Claremont (rent stabilization)
- Implement a mandatory rent registry for help with monitoring housing and aid in enforcement
- Require affordable housing be built as part of the Village South development
- Explore a workforce housing partnership between CUSD and the City
- Approve the state measure AB 1033 to allow sale of ADU- move renters into long-term stability
- Add a staff position for supporting and helping residents navigate housing stability matters

You can't keep operating 'business as usual' when people are in danger of falling into homelessness on your watch as our elected representatives.

The immense popularity and qualification for the Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program is a testament to the very real danger many of our residents are in of falling into homelessness. The first drop into homelessness is often invisible to the community at large: going to stay in a temporary shelter, securing hotel vouchers, sleeping on friends' couches for a while, or sleeping in your car. Waiting until later, until people have fallen so deep into homelessness that they are seen sleeping on the street is unacceptable and harder to come back from than intervening early on.

You can tighten qualification and recertification of eligibility for the program to try and make funds last longer, but know that every month additional households will find themselves qualifying as rent burdened or severely rent burdened. Wages have not kept up with runaway rental housing costs and people are desperate to get housing costs stabilized.

Claremont Unified School District has increased staffing to fund two employees serving as Liaisons for Youth and Family Services. Also, CUSD worked with Tri-City Mental Health Services to open a student and family resource center in February at Oakmont Outdoor School where families can get direct support through services such as mental health counseling, support for CUSD foster kids, and homelessness services, among others. Instability is part of a swelling crisis in Claremont and the local school district is rising to the challenge of finding creative ways to support families in need.

To reiterate, we implore you to use existing funds to **extend the funding** of the Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program and to **identify permanent funding** sources to make the program permanent. This is one piece of working to stabilize Claremont's housing; adding a rent stabilization measure is another key piece.

The housing affordability situation is worsening, not improving. The time to act is now.

Sincerely,

Claremont Tenants United